Statement of Principles
concerning
MALIGNANT NEOPLASM OF THE URETHRA
Instrument No. 1 of 2008 as amended
made under section 196B(2) of the
Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986
This compilation was prepared on 4 August 2011 taking into account Amendment of Statement of Principles concerning MALIGNANT NEOPLASM OF THE URETHRA (Instrument No. 92 of 2011)
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Statement of Principles
centering

MALIGNANT NEOPLASM OF THE
URETHRA

No. 1 of 2008

for the purposes of the

Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986
and

Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004

Title

1. This Instrument may be cited as Statement of Principles concerning malignant neoplasm of the urethra No. 1 of 2008.

Determination

2. The Repatriation Medical Authority under subsection 196B(2) and (8) of the Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986 (the VEA):

   (a) revokes Instrument No. 233 of 1995 concerning malignant neoplasm of the urethra; and

   (b) determines in its place this Statement of Principles.

Kind of injury, disease or death

3. (a) This Statement of Principles is about malignant neoplasm of the urethra and death from malignant neoplasm of the urethra.

   (b) For the purposes of this Statement of Principles, "malignant neoplasm of the urethra" means a primary malignant neoplasm arising from the cells lining the urethra. This definition excludes soft tissue sarcoma, carcinoid tumour, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and Hodgkin's lymphoma.

   (c) Malignant neoplasm of the urethra attracts ICD-10-AM code C68.0.
(d) In the application of this Statement of Principles, the definition of "malignant neoplasm of the urethra" is that given at paragraph 3(b) above.

Basis for determining the factors

4. After examining the available sound medical-scientific evidence the Repatriation Medical Authority is of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that the only factor that may be related to the cause of or material contribution to or aggravation of malignant neoplasm of the urethra or death from malignant neoplasm of the urethra and which can be related to relevant service rendered by veterans, members of Peacekeeping Forces, or members of the Forces under the VEA, or members under the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004 (the MRCA) is that set out in clause 5.

Factors that must be related to service

5. The factor that must as a minimum exist in relation to the circumstances of a person’s relevant service causing or materially contributing to or aggravating malignant neoplasm of the urethra or death from malignant neoplasm of the urethra is inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for malignant neoplasm of the urethra.

Other definitions

6. For the purposes of this Statement of Principles:

"death from malignant neoplasm of the urethra" in relation to a person includes death from a terminal event or condition that was contributed to by the person’s malignant neoplasm of the urethra;

"ICD-10-AM code" means a number assigned to a particular kind of injury or disease in The International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, 10th revision, Australian Modification (ICD-10-AM), Fifth Edition, effective date of 1 July 2006, copyrighted by the National Centre for Classification in Health, Sydney, NSW, and having ISBN 1 86487 772 3;

"relevant service" means:

(a) operational service under the VEA;
(b) peacekeeping service under the VEA;
(c) hazardous service under the VEA;
(d) warlike service under the MRCA; or
(e) non-warlike service under the MRCA;
"terminal event" means the proximate or ultimate cause of death and includes:

(a) pneumonia;
(b) respiratory failure;
(c) cardiac arrest;
(d) circulatory failure; or
(e) cessation of brain function.

Application

7. This Instrument applies to all matters to which section 120A of the VEA or section 338 of the MRCA applies.

Date of effect

8. This Instrument takes effect from 9 January 2008.
Notes to Statement of Principles concerning malignant neoplasm of the urethra (Instrument No. 1 of 2008)

The Statement of Principles concerning malignant neoplasm of the urethra (Instrument No. 1 of 2008) in force under section 196B(2) of the Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986, as shown in this compilation is amended as indicated in the Tables below.

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