



**Australian Government**  
**Repatriation Medical Authority**

# **Amendment Statement of Principles**

## **concerning**

### **INGUINAL HERNIA**

### **(Balance of Probabilities)**

### **(No. 80 of 2025)**

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The Repatriation Medical Authority determines the following Amendment Statement of Principles under subsections 196B(3) and (8) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*.

Dated 9 September 2025

Professor Terence Campbell AM  
Chairperson  
by and on behalf of  
The Repatriation Medical Authority

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## 1 Name

This is the Amendment Statement of Principles concerning *inguinal hernia (Balance of Probabilities)* (No. 80 of 2025).

## 2 Commencement

This instrument commences on **22 September 2025**.

## 3 Authority

This instrument is made under subsections 196B(3) and (8) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*.

## 4 Amendment

The Statement of Principles concerning *inguinal hernia (Balance of Probabilities)* (No. 48 of 2021) (Federal Register of Legislation No. F2021L00497) is amended in the following manner:

Section	Amendment
9(1)	<p><i>Replace subsection 9(1) with the following:</i></p> <p>having acute elevation of pressure within the abdominal cavity due to any one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) anti-G straining manoeuvre;</li><li>(b) lifting heavy weights;</li><li>(c) physical trauma to the abdomen involving a direct blow to the abdomen;</li><li>(d) pneumoperitoneum induced for laparoscopic surgery;</li><li>(e) significant coughing;</li><li>(f) significant sneezing;</li><li>(g) straining at micturition due to bladder outlet or urethral obstruction; or</li><li>(h) straining at stool due to constipation or diarrhoea;</li></ul> <p>within the 30 days before the clinical onset of inguinal hernia;</p> <p>Note: <b>clinical onset</b> is defined in the Schedule 1 – Dictionary.</p>
Schedule 1 – Dictionary	<p><i>Insert the following definition of "clinical onset" in alphabetical order:</i></p> <p><b>clinical onset</b> means the point backwards in time from the date of presentation to a registered medical practitioner first confirming the presence of inguinal hernia, to the date at which the signs and/or symptoms of</p>

	the inguinal hernia were persistently present, as assessed by a registered medical practitioner.
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