

## Statement of Principles

concerning

# ALPHA-1 ANTITRYPSIN DEFICIENCY

ICD CODE: 277.6

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986  
subsection 196B(2)

1. Being of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that **alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency and death from alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency** can be related to operational service rendered by veterans, peacekeeping service rendered by members of Peacekeeping forces and hazardous service rendered by members of the Forces, the Repatriation Medical Authority determines, under subsection 196B(2) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, that the factor that must as a minimum exist before it can be said that a reasonable hypothesis has been raised connecting **alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency or death from alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency** with the circumstances of that service, is:
  - (a) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency.
2. Subject to clause 3 (below) the factor set out in paragraph **1(a)** must be related to any service rendered by a person.
3. The factor set out in paragraph **1(a)** applies only where:
  - (a) the person's **alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency** was suffered prior to a period, or part of a period, of service to which the factor is related; and

