

Statement of Principles
concerning
HEREDITARY SPHEROCYTOSIS

ICD CODE: 282.0

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986
subsection 196B(2)

1. Being of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that **hereditary spherocytosis and death from hereditary spherocytosis** 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 **hereditary spherocytosis or death from hereditary spherocytosis** with the circumstances of that service, is:
 - (a) the inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for hereditary spherocytosis.
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 **hereditary spherocytosis** was contracted prior to a period, or part of a period, of service to which the factor is related; and

