



Australian Government  
Repatriation Medical Authority

Statement of Principles  
concerning

# FAMILIAL ADENOMATOUS POLYPOSIS

## No. 39 of 2013

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 familial adenomatous polyposis No. 39 of 2013.

### Determination

2. The Repatriation Medical Authority under subsection **196B(2)** and **(8)** of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the VEA):
  - (a) revokes Instrument No. 60 of 2002 concerning familial adenomatous polyposis; and
  - (b) determines in its place this Statement of Principles.

### Kind of injury, disease or death

3.
  - (a) This Statement of Principles is about **familial adenomatous polyposis** and **death from familial adenomatous polyposis**.
  - (b) For the purposes of this Statement of Principles, "**familial adenomatous polyposis**" means an inherited autosomal dominant syndrome caused by germ-line mutation of the adenomatous polyposis coli gene, characterised by the formation of more than 100 colorectal adenomas.

### **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 **familial adenomatous polyposis** or **death from familial adenomatous polyposis** 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 **familial adenomatous polyposis** or **death from familial adenomatous polyposis** is inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for familial adenomatous polyposis.

### **Other definitions**

6. For the purposes of this Statement of Principles:  
**"death from familial adenomatous polyposis"** in relation to a person includes death from a terminal event or condition that was contributed to by the person's familial adenomatous polyposis;  
**"relevant service"** means:
  - (a) operational service under the VEA;
  - (b) peacekeeping service under the VEA;
  - (c) hazardous service under the VEA;
  - (d) British nuclear test defence service under the VEA;
  - (e) warlike service under the MRCA; or
  - (f) 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 3 July 2013.

Dated this *twenty-first* day of *June* 2013

The Common Seal of the )  
Repatriation Medical Authority )  
was affixed to this instrument )  
in the presence of: )

PROFESSOR NICHOLAS SAUNDERS AO  
CHAIRPERSON