



Australian Government
Repatriation Medical Authority

Amendment Statement of Principles
concerning
DIVERTICULAR DISEASE OF THE COLON
(Balance of Probabilities)
(No. 36 of 2020)

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

Dated 24 April 2020

The Common Seal of the
Repatriation Medical Authority
was affixed to this instrument
at the direction of:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Saunders'.

Professor Nicholas Saunders AO
Chairperson

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1 Name

This is the Amendment Statement of Principles concerning *diverticular disease of the colon (Balance of Probabilities)* (No. 36 of 2020).

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on 25 May 2020.

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 *diverticular disease of the colon (Balance of Probabilities)* (No. 16 of 2016) (Federal Register of Legislation No. F2016L00266) is amended in the following manner:

| Section | Amendment |
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| 9(6a) | <p><i>Insert the following factor in subsection 9(6a):</i></p> <p>for diverticular perforation, abscess and fistula only, being treated with an immunosuppressive drug within the 30 days before the clinical onset of diverticular disease of the colon;</p> <p>Note: immunosuppressive drug is defined in the Schedule 1 - Dictionary.</p> |
| 9(14) | <p><i>Replace the existing factor in subsection 9(14) with the following:</i></p> <p>being treated with an immunosuppressive drug within the 30 days before the clinical worsening of diverticular disease of the colon;</p> <p>Note: immunosuppressive drug is defined in the Schedule 1 - Dictionary.</p> |
| Schedule 1 – Dictionary | <p><i>Insert the following definition of "immunosuppressive drug" in alphabetical order:</i></p> <p>immunosuppressive drug means a drug or an agent which results in substantial suppression of immune responses.</p> <p>Note: Examples of an immunosuppressive drug include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) chemotherapeutic agents used for the treatment of cancer;(b) corticosteroids, other than inhaled or topical corticosteroids;(c) drugs used to prevent transplant rejection;(d) tumour necrosis factor-α inhibitors; and(e) interleukin-6 inhibitors. |
| Schedule 1 – Dictionary | <p><i>Delete the definition of "being treated with an immunosuppressive drug".</i></p> |