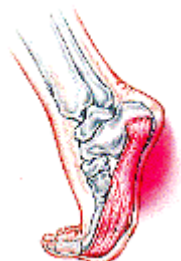


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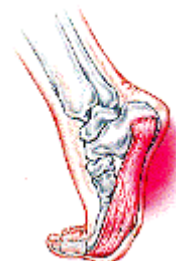
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THE FOLLOWING RMA SOPs ARE TO TAKE EFFECT ON 10 JANUARY, 2007

New SOPs	Nil
Revocations & Replacements	Depressive Disorder Plantar Fasciitis Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency Gaucher's Disease Huntington's Chorea Wilson's Disease Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease Multiple Osteochondromatosis Hereditary Spherocytosis Myasthenia Gravis
Amendments	Nil

IMPORTANT OPERATIONAL FEATURES

Depressive Disorder	Revocation - 17 & 18 of '07 Replaces 58 and 59 of '98
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- The definition of disease has been reworded and lengthened, without change in meaning. The conditions covered are as defined in DSM-IV-TR.

- The severe psychological stressor is now five separate factors, all for onset and worsening in both RH and BOP.
- The five factors are:
 - experiencing a category 1A stressor;
 - experiencing a category 1B stressor;
 - having a significant other who experiences a category 1A stressor;
 - experiencing the death of a significant other; and
 - experiencing a category 2 stressor;
 all with associated definitions and time requirements.
- Re time requirements, for category 1A and 1B stressors, the allowed time between experiencing the stressor and clinical onset of depressive disorder has been increased from 2 to 5 years for RH and from one year to 2 years for BOP.
- For these stressor factors, the RMA has used its new method of classification of stressors, first used in Acute Stress Disorder. The definition of "a category 1B stressor" here has been reworded and an additional dot point "killing or maiming a person" has been added. It is anticipated that the Acute Stress Disorder SOPs will be reviewed to include this change, and that the definitions will be consistent in all SOPs.
- There are new causal and worsening factors in both RH and BOP for :
 - having a sleep disorder
 - being in the second or third trimester of pregnancy, or the one year following childbirth
 - having a miscarriage
 all with time requirements.
- The major illness or injury factor has been reworded and the time requirements made more generous.
- The time requirement for the RH chronic pain factor has been reduced to 3 months; BOP remains at 6 months.

Plantar Fasciitis

Revocation - 19 & 20 of '07

Replaces 3 and 4 of '00, as amended by 47 & 48 of '03

- The SOPs are in the new format. There have been minor changes to the definition of the disease without change in meaning.
- There are new causal and worsening factors in both RH and BOP for:
 - undertaking weight bearing exercise on the affected foot;
 - increasing weight bearing exercise on the affected foot; and
 - undergoing prolonged weight bearing exercise on the affected foot while on a hard surface;
 all with varying time and dose requirements.

- There are new causal and worsening factors in both RH and BOP for:
 - infection of the plantar fascia;
 - having an injury or disease which has resulted in a specified biomechanical abnormality (which is defined) involving the affected foot; and
 - wearing inappropriate footwear (which is defined) during weight bearing exercise which involves the affected foot;
 all with time requirements.
- The factor for running remains, and the time requirement for RH has been reduced to 3 months.
- The factor for trauma to the plantar aspect of the affected foot also remains. The time allowed between trauma and clinical onset has been reduced to 7 days for both RH and BOP.
- The arthritic conditions factor now refers to having a specified arthritic disease, and the associated definition has been reworded and includes more conditions.
- The factor for suffering a fracture of the calcaneus has been removed.

CONGENITAL CONDITIONS

The SOPs below are for eight congenital conditions. These old SOPs have been reviewed in accordance with the Legislative Instruments Act. There will be ongoing reviews of old SOPs.

All the SOPs have been put into the new format, and the definitions of disease have been re-worded in a standard format, without change in meaning.

Except for Hereditary Spherocytosis and Myasthenia Gravis, all the SOPs have as the only factor inability to obtain appropriate clinical management. The factors for Hereditary Spherocytosis and Myasthenia Gravis are described first.

Hereditary Spherocytosis

Revocation - 13 & 14 of '07

Replaces 57 and 58 of '95

- There are new worsening factors in both RH and BOP for having an acute viral infection, having an infection or inflammatory disease process, or being pregnant at the time of the clinical worsening. The inability to obtain appropriate clinical management factor remains.

Myasthenia Gravis

Revocation - 15 & 16 of '07

Replaces 263 and 264 of '95

- There is a new causal factor in RH and BOP for having systemic treatment with a drug from the specified list.

- There are new worsening factors in RH and BOP for being treated with certain drugs, being pregnant and having bone marrow transplantation. Again, the inability to obtain appropriate clinical management factor remains.

Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency	Revocation - 1 & 2 of '07 Replaces 19 and 20 of '95
Gaucher's Disease	Revocation - 3 & 4 of '07 Replaces 21 and 22 of '95
Huntington's Chorea	Revocation - 5 & 6 of '07 Replaces 107 and 108 of '95
Wilson's Disease	Revocation - 7 & 8 of '07 Replaces 15 and 16 of '95
Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease	Revocation - 9 & 10 of '07 Replaces 51 and 52 of '95
Multiple Osteochondromatosis	Revocation - 11 & 12 of '07 Replaces 1 and 2 of '99

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