

Rehabilitation & Entitlements Policy Group

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THE FOLLOWING RMA SOPS ARE TO TAKE EFFECT ON 31 OCTOBER, 2012

New SOPs	Nil
Revocations & Replacements	Myeloma Giant cell arteritis Solar keratosis Acute lymphoblastic leukaemia
Amendments	Malignant neoplasm of the prostate

NOTEWORTHY FEATURES

Malignant neoplasm of the prostate	Amendment – 77 & 78 of '12 Amends 28 and 29 of '05
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- Following a direction from the SMRC (the Specialist Medical Review Council, the body that reviews RMA decisions, on appeal), the RMA has added smoking factors to this SOP.
- There is a new RH only onset factor for smoking at least 40 pack-years of cigarettes, or the equivalent, before onset.
- There are new RH and BOP worsening factors, for smoking at least 15 pack-years (RH) / 40 pack-years (BOP) of cigarettes, or the equivalent, before worsening, and where smoking has ceased, the worsening has occurred within ten years of cessation.
- The date of effect of this amendment is (backdated to) **29 August 2012**, which is the date of gazettal of the SMRC decision.

Myeloma	Revocation – 69 & 70 of '12 Replaces 55 and 56 of '03
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- There are new RH and BOP onset factors for undergoing a solid organ transplant and being obese.
- There are new RH only onset factors for exposure to benzene and to TCDD-contaminated chemical agents.
- The previous atomic radiation factor (RH only) has been updated to the ionising radiation format, in keeping with changes made previously to similar factors in other SOPs. See bulletins 150 and 151 for further details.

Giant cell arteritis	Revocation – 71 & 72 of '12 Replaces 71 and 72 of '01
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- The only factor for this condition in the previous SOPs was inability to obtain appropriate clinical management. New smoking factors have now been added, for RH and BOP, for both onset and worsening.

Solar keratosis	Revocation – 73 & 74 of '12 Replaces 07 and 08 of '05
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- The definition has been reworded, with no change in SOP coverage.
- The redundant and very complicated UV exposure ratio factor has been removed. The alternative hours of sunlight exposure factor remains.

Acute lymphoblastic leukaemia	Revocation – 75 & 76 of '12 Replaces 83 and 84 of '01
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- The name of the SOP has been changed, from acute lymphoid leukaemia to acute lymphoblastic leukaemia.
- The SOP coverage has also been changed.
 - Adult T-cell lymphoma-leukaemia is now excluded from this SOP, but remains covered by the non-Hodgkin's lymphoma SOP.
 - Burkitt's lymphoma-leukaemia, previously classified as a form of acute lymphoid leukaemia, L3 subtype, is also now excluded from this SOP, but remains covered by the non-Hodgkin's lymphoma SOP.
 - Other forms of acute lymphoblastic/lymphocytic/lymphoid leukaemia that were previously covered remain covered.
- The previous factors applying to ALL L3 subtype and to Adult T-cell lymphoma- leukaemia have been removed.
- There are new onset factors (RH and BOP) for certain cancer chemotherapy treatments and for undergoing solid organ transplant. There is a new RH only factor for benzene exposure.
- The previous atomic radiation and therapeutic radiation factors have been combined and updated to a single ionising radiation factor.

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