

**Rehabilitation & Entitlements Policy Group**

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**THE FOLLOWING RMA SOPS ARE TO TAKE EFFECT ON 17 NOVEMBER, 2014**

<b>New SOPs</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Revocations &amp; Replacements</b>	<b>Osteomyelitis</b> <b>Malignant neoplasm of the lung</b> <b>Leptospirosis</b> <b>Malignant neoplasm of the breast</b> <b>Osteoporosis</b> <b>Rotator cuff syndrome</b> <b>Anxiety disorder</b>
<b>Amendments</b>	<b>Nil</b>

**NOTEWORTHY FEATURES**

<b>Osteomyelitis</b>	<b>Revocation – 90 &amp; 91 of ‘14</b> Replaces 5 and 6 of ‘04
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- The previous ‘invasive surgical procedure’ factor has been expanded to now include dental and medical procedures that breach the skin.
- There are new RH and BOP, onset and worsening factors for chronic lymphoedema and being in an immunosuppressed state. There is a new RH and BOP onset only factor for a dose of ionising radiation.
- The previous factors for various diseases have been combined into ‘disease from the specified list’ factors, with cirrhosis and chronic renal failure added as casual and worsening factors in both RH and BOP.

<b>Malignant neoplasm of the lung</b>	<b>Revocation – 92 &amp; 93 of ‘14</b> Replaces 17 and 18 of ‘06 as amended by 87 & 88 of ‘07 and 41 & 42 of ‘11
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- There is now one (active) smoking factor, with the same dose requirement regardless of histological type (previously there was a separate, higher dose factor for adenocarcinoma).
- The exposure requirement in the ‘chemical agent contaminated by TCDD’ factor has been changed from 30 days to 1000 hours.
- The factor covering prior pulmonary diseases has been changed, with asthma removed and bacterial pneumonia and pulmonary TB added.
- Factors for asbestosis and silicosis have been removed, but factors for asbestos exposure, and silica exposure remain.

- There are a range of new factors covering inhalation of fumes/smoke/ particulates/mist/dust from a range of substances including: heavily polluted air; soot; burning of carbon based materials; cannabis; strong inorganic acids; and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons.
- There are further new RH and BOP factors for: receiving MOPP (a type of chemotherapy); and beta-carotene; and RH only factors for HIV infection and scleroderma.

<b>Leptospirosis</b>	<b>Revocation – 94 &amp; 95 of ‘14</b> Replaces 50 and 51 of ‘04
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- The SOP definition has been amended, with some clinical features added.
- The single causal factor has been reorganised, but still concerns direct contact with a source of the causative bacterium.

<b>Malignant neoplasm of the breast</b>	<b>Revocation – 96 &amp; 97 of ‘14</b> Replaces 27 and 28 of ‘06 as amended by 53 & 54 of ‘11
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- There are new factors for: being pregnant; smoking; prevention of access to mammographic screening; diabetes; digoxin and being given diethylstilbestrol during pregnancy.
- There are some quantitative changes (dose, duration, temporality) to factors for; use of hormone replacement therapy; use of the oral contraceptive pill; nulliparity; alcohol; and obesity.

<b>Osteoporosis</b>	<b>Revocation – 98 &amp; 99 of ‘14</b> Replaces 29 and 30 of ‘06 as amended by 61 & 62 of ‘06
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- There are new factors (RH & BOP, onset and worsening) for: a specified medical condition (covering COPD, HIV, multiple sclerosis and Parkinson’s disease); losing  $\geq 10\%$  of body weight; and being pregnant, and for RH only, for depressive disorder or schizophrenia.
- For the drugs (from the specified list) factor, the previous requirement, to take a drug within the X years before onset or worsening, has been replaced by new requirements that the drug cannot be ceased or substituted, or the osteoporosis persists  $> 12$  months after cessation.

<b>Rotator cuff syndrome</b>	<b>Revocation – 100 &amp; 101 of ‘14</b> Replaces 39 and 40 of ‘06
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- The definition has been amended by adding a description of the usual clinical features.
- For the RH SOP the injury factor now allows for an injury (as defined) to occur up to 3 months before onset (previously 30 days).
- The repetitive or sustained activities factors have been changed to now include forceful activities (as defined). There is also an additional factor to effectively cover the situation where repetitive or sustained activities were not performed in close proximity to the clinical onset of rotator cuff syndrome, but were performed, before onset, over a long period of time.
- There are new RH only factors for: lifting or carrying loads; using vibrating industrial tools and acquired scapula dyskinesia.

<b>Anxiety disorder</b>	<b>Revocation – 102 &amp; 103 of ‘14</b> Replaces 101 and 102 of ‘07 as amended by 42 & 43 of ‘10 and 15 & 16 of ‘11
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- This SOP has been updated for DSM-5, so has new definitions and terms and now covers:

- generalised anxiety disorder,
- anxiety disorder due to another medical condition,
- other specified anxiety disorder and
- unspecified anxiety disorder.

The DSM-IV terms were:

- generalised anxiety disorder,
- anxiety disorder due to a general medical condition, and
- anxiety disorder not otherwise specified.

The terminology has changes but the scope of the SOP is effectively the same.

- There are new RH only factors for: a hostile or life threatening environment; an endocrine disorder (as specified); and severe and permanent tinnitus. There are new RH and BOP factors for being obese.

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