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**Rehabilitation & Entitlements Policy Group**

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**THE FOLLOWING RMA SOPS ARE TO TAKE EFFECT ON 16 NOVEMBER, 2015**

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| **New SOPs** | **Discoid lupus erythematosus** |
| **Revocations & Replacements** | **Pterygium**  **Pinguecula**  **Malignant neoplasm of the oesophagus**  **Dental caries**  **Loss of teeth** |
| **Amendments** | **Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease** |

**NOTEWORTHY FEATURES**

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| **Pterygium** | **Revocation – 116 & 117 of ‘15**  Replaces 75 and 76 of '07 |

* There are new RH factors (onset only) for arc welding without eye protection and for infection of the conjunctiva with human papilloma virus types 16 or 18.

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| **Pinguecula** | **Revocation – 118 & 119 of ‘15**  Replaces 77 and 78 of '07 |

* There are new RH factors (onset only) for heavy exposure of the eye to dust and for welding without eye protection.

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| **Malignant neoplasm of the oesophagus** | **Revocation – 120 & 121 of ‘15**  Replaces 41 and 42 of '07 |

* For smoking:
* The previously separate factors, with different doses based on histological type, have been combined into one factor (which has the lower of the previous two doses);
* A new “where smoking has ceased” time limit has been added (20 yrs RH, 15 yrs BOP).
* New RH and BOP factors have been added for: the oral use of smokeless tobacco; asbestos exposure; chewing betel quid or areca nut; red meat consumption; processed meat consumption; and consuming beverages at hotter than 60 degrees Celsius.
* New RH only factors have been added for: preserved vegetable consumption; lack of dental hygiene; and tetrachloroethylene exposure.
* For squamous cell or undifferentiated carcinoma only:
* The alcohol factor has a lower dose;
* The previous alkali ingestion factor has been reworded to now be about “having a caustic burn”;
* There is a new factor for infection with specified strains of human papilloma virus.
* For adenocarcinoma or undifferentiated carcinoma only, there is a new factor for having Barrett’s oesophagus.

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| **Dental caries** | **Revocation – 122 & 123 of ‘15**  Replaces 71 and 72 of '07 |

* There is a new RH and BOP factor for smoking.

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| **Loss of teeth** | **Revocation – 124 & 125 of ‘15**  Replaces 73 and 74 of '07 |

* There are new RH and BOP factors for periodontal abscess (SOP) and pericoronitis (non-SOP), reflecting earlier changes to SOPs covering periodontal disease/gingivitis.

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| **Discoid lupus erythematosus** | **New – 126 & 127 of ‘15** |

* This is an autoimmune condition, related to systemic lupus erythematosus, but confined to the skin. It is a chronic, often scarring condition, commonly affecting the face and scalp.
* There are onset and worsening factors for sun/UV light, specified drugs and skin injury. There is a worsening only factor for smoking.

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| **Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease** | **Amendment – 128 & 129 of ‘15**  Amends 37 and 38 of '14 |

* These amendments:
* Add new RH and BOP onset and worsening factors for dust exposure (with some consequent definition changes); and
* Add a new worsening only factor (RH and BOP) for lower respiratory tract infections.

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