



## Health Practitioners (Protected Quality Assurance Activity—Royal Australasian College of Physicians Training and Accreditation Management (TRACC)) Notice 2021

Pursuant to section 54(3) of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003, the Minister of Health, being satisfied of the matters set out in that subsection, gives the following notice.

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### Notice

#### 1 Title

This notice is the Health Practitioners (Protected Quality Assurance Activity—Royal Australasian College of Physicians Training and Accreditation Management (TRACC)) Notice 2021.

#### 2 Commencement

This notice comes into force on the day after the date of its notification in the *Gazette*.

#### 3 Interpretation

In this notice,—

**activity** means an activity described in clause 4

**specified health practitioner** means—

- (a) a trainee at the Royal Australasian College of Physicians; or
- (b) an educator (supervisors and Directors of Physician Education) for the Royal Australasian College of Physicians' training programmes

**Training and Accreditation Management (TRACC)** means the online platform that is used by the Royal Australasian College of Physicians to record work-based learning, assessment, and progression through training for trainees who are members of that college.

#### **4 Declaration of protected quality assurance activities**

The following quality assurance activities are protected to the extent that they are undertaken by the Royal Australasian College of Physicians in relation to specified health practitioners:

- (a) training programmes that facilitate feedback and self-reflection on clinical performance to improve practice within training; and
- (b) recorded training that aims to improve patient experience and increase accountability in the following areas:
  - (i) clinical assessment:
  - (ii) communication with patients:
  - (iii) documentation:
  - (iv) prescribing:
  - (v) transfer of care:
  - (vi) investigations:
  - (vii) acutely unwell patients:
  - (viii) procedures:
  - (ix) knowledge:
  - (x) professional behaviours:
  - (xi) customised goals.

Dated at Wellington this 22nd day of November 2021.

Hon Andrew Little,  
Minister of Health.

#### **Explanatory note**

*This note is not part of the notice, but is intended to indicate its general effect.*

This notice comes into force on the day after the date of its notification in the *Gazette*. It declares the quality assurance activities described in *clause 4* to be protected. Quality assurance activities are activities that are undertaken to improve the practices or

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competence of health practitioners by assessing the health services performed by those practitioners.

The effect of protecting a quality assurance activity is that—

- any information that becomes known solely as a result of the activity is confidential; and
- any documents brought into existence solely for the purposes of the activity are confidential; and
- the persons who engage in the activity in good faith are immune from civil liability.

The protections given by this notice are subject to certain statutory exceptions. For example, this notice does not prohibit the disclosure of information that does not identify, either expressly or by implication, a particular individual.

This notice remains in force for 5 years, unless revoked before then.

Issued under the authority of the Legislation Act 2012.

Date of notification in *Gazette*: 2 December 2021.

This notice is administered by the Ministry of Health.