



Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activities—West Coast District Health Board) Notice 2006

Pursuant to section 54 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003, the Minister of Health gives the following notice.

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Notice

- 1 Title**
 This notice is the Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activities—West Coast District Health Board) Notice 2006.
- 2 Commencement**
 This notice comes into force on the day after the date of its notification in the *Gazette*.
- 3 Declaration of quality assurance activities**
 Each of the following quality assurance activities described in the Schedule is a protected quality assurance activity:
 - (a) West Coast District Health Board Adverse Outcome Audit Activity:

- (b) West Coast District Health Board Clinical Audit Activity:
 - (c) West Coast District Health Board Mortality and Morbidity Review Activity.
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Schedule

Description of West Coast District Health Board Quality Assurance Activities

1 Objective

The objective of each of the protected quality assurance activities is to improve the practices and competence of health practitioners engaged in the activities by assessing the health services performed by those health practitioners.

2 Method

The activities are based on information derived from health practitioners who provide health services on behalf of the West Coast District Health Board, and—

- (a) are employed by the West Coast District Health Board; or
- (b) have access agreements with the West Coast District Health Board; or
- (c) are external personnel authorised by the West Coast District Health Board to provide health services.

3 West Coast District Health Board Adverse Outcome Audit Activity

The West Coast District Health Board Adverse Outcome Audit Activity involves—

- (a) the examination of patients' records; and
- (b) the identification, notification, and analysis of any process or practice that results in an outcome for patients which may, but need not be, an adverse outcome; and
- (c) the preparation of documentation that—
 - (i) summarises the results obtained under paragraphs (a) and (b); and
 - (ii) identifies trends showing up in the results obtained under paragraphs (a) and (b); and

- (d) the holding of meetings to discuss—
 - (i) the results obtained under paragraphs (a) and (b); and
 - (ii) the documentation prepared under paragraph (c); and
- (e) the making of recommendations on how health practitioners who are engaging in the activity can improve their performance so as to reduce the incidence of adverse outcomes; and
- (f) the facilitation and monitoring of the implementation of any such recommendations; and
- (g) the compilation and reporting of information obtained from the actions referred to in paragraphs (a) to (f).

4 West Coast District Health Board Clinical Audit Activity

The West Coast District Health Board Clinical Audit Activity involves—

- (a) the examination of patients' records; and
- (b) the implementation of a clinical audit; and
- (c) the review and analysis of the results of the clinical audit; and
- (d) the preparation of documentation that—
 - (i) summarises the results obtained under paragraphs (a) to (c); and
 - (ii) identifies trends showing up in the results obtained under paragraphs (a) to (c); and
- (e) the making of recommendations on the basis of the documentation prepared under paragraph (d) on how health practitioners who are engaging in the activity can improve clinical practice; and
- (f) the facilitation and monitoring of the implementation of any such recommendations; and
- (g) the compilation and reporting of information obtained from the actions referred to in paragraphs (a) to (f).

5 West Coast District Health Board Mortality and Morbidity Review Activity

The West Coast District Health Board Mortality and Morbidity Review Activity involves—

- (a) the examination of patients' records; and
- (b) the analysis, with a focus on morbidity and mortality issues, of the following data on patients:
 - (i) morbidity; and
 - (ii) mortality; and
 - (iii) outcomes of treatment; and
- (c) the preparation of documentation that summarises the results obtained under paragraphs (a) and (b); and
- (d) the holding of morbidity and mortality review meetings; and
- (e) the making of recommendations on how health practitioners who are engaging in the activity can improve their performance so as to—
 - (i) improve the quality of care they provide; and
 - (ii) reduce the incidence of adverse outcomes.

Dated at Wellington this 14th day of September 2006.

Pete Hodgson,
Minister of Health.

Explanatory note

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

This notice, which comes into force on the day after the date of its notification in the *Gazette*, declares 3 quality assurance activities sponsored by the West Coast District Health Board to be protected quality assurance activities. The effect of this declaration is that, subject to certain exceptions,—

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

Under section 54(4) of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003, this notice remains in force for a period of 5 years after the date on which it is issued, unless it is sooner revoked.

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This notice is administered by the Ministry of Health.
