



Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity—New Zealand Blood Service) 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 Activity—New Zealand Blood Service) Notice 2006.
 - 2 Commencement**
This notice comes into force on the day after the date of its notification in the *Gazette*.
 - 3 Declaration of protected quality assurance activity**
The New Zealand Haemovigilance System described in the Schedule is a protected quality assurance activity.
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Schedule

Description of New Zealand Haemovigilance System

1 Objective

The objective of the New Zealand Haemovigilance System is to—

- (a) improve laboratory and clinical practices relating to blood transfusions; and
- (b) improve the competence of health practitioners engaged in the activity.

2 Method

- (1) The New Zealand Haemovigilance System is based on information derived from health practitioners who are involved with blood transfusion services or who utilise blood products.
- (2) The New Zealand Haemovigilance System involves—
 - (a) the reporting of incidents and adverse outcomes, including near misses; and
 - (b) the review and analysis of reports on incidents and adverse outcomes; and
 - (c) the investigation of any laboratory or clinical practice that is the subject of a report; and
 - (d) the storage of information obtained under paragraphs (a) to (c); and
 - (e) the making of recommendations for the purposes of—
 - (i) improving laboratory and clinical practice; and
 - (ii) improving the quality of services provided by health practitioners; and
 - (iii) reducing incidents and adverse outcomes.

Dated at Wellington this 25th day of March 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 the quality assurance activity called the New Zealand Haemovigilance System to be a protected quality assurance activity. The effect of this declaration is that, subject to certain exceptions,—

- 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.

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.

Issued under the authority of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989.

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This notice is administered in the Ministry of Health.
