



**MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (QUALITY ASSURANCE ACTIVITY:  
ANAESTHETISTS) NOTICE 1998**

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PURSUANT to section 68 (1) of the Medical Practitioners Act 1995, the Minister of Health gives the following notice.

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NOTICE

**1. Title and commencement**—(1) This notice may be cited as the Medical Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity: Anaesthetists) Notice 1998.

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

**2. Declaration of quality assurance activity**—The quality assurance activity called the “Anaesthesia Incident Monitoring Study” and described in the Schedule is a quality assurance activity to which Part VI of the Medical Practitioners Act 1995 applies.

**3. Duration of notice**—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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## SCHEDULE

## DESCRIPTION OF ANAESTHESIA INCIDENT MONITORING STUDY

**1. Interpretation**—In this Schedule, the term “activity” means the Anaesthesia Incident Monitoring Study.

**2. Sponsor**—The activity is carried out under the auspices of the Continuing Education Committee of Anaesthetists of New Zealand.

**3. Method**—(1) The activity is based on information derived from anaesthetists working in hospitals in New Zealand.

(2) The activity involves—

(a) The study of reports from anaesthetists of incidents during anaesthesia; and

(b) The discussion of the reports in the Departments of Anaesthesia in the hospitals where the incidents occurred; and

(c) The compilation at a national level of information obtained from the reports; and

(d) The reporting back to anaesthetists on—

(i) Trends showing up in the information; and

(ii) Any changes in practice that are desirable to respond to the trends.

**4. Objective**—As required by Part VI of the Medical Practitioners Act 1995, the objective of the activity is to improve the quality of care provided by medical practitioners engaged in the activity.

Dated at Wellington this 19th day of May 1998.

BILL ENGLISH,  
Minister of Health.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This notice declares that the quality assurance activity called the Anaesthesia Incident Monitoring Study is a quality assurance activity to which Part VI of the Medical Practitioners Act 1995 applies. Anaesthetists working in New Zealand will participate in the activity.

The effect of this declaration is that, subject to certain exceptions,—

- (a) Any information that becomes known solely as a result of this quality assurance activity is confidential; and
- (b) Any documents brought into existence solely for the purposes of this quality assurance activity are confidential; and
- (c) The persons who engage in the quality assurance activity in good faith are immune from civil liability.

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 in the Ministry of Health.