



**MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (QUALITY ASSURANCE
ACTIVITIES: EASTBAY) NOTICE 1998**

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

ANALYSIS

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NOTICE

1. Title and commencement—(1) This notice may be cited as the Medical Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activities: Eastbay) 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—Each of the following quality assurance activities, as described in the Schedule, is a quality assurance activity to which Part VI of the Medical Practitioners Act 1995 applies:

- (a) Eastbay Health Clinical Department Peer Review and Clinical Audit Activity;
- (b) Eastbay Health Morbidity and Mortality Audit Activity;
- (c) Eastbay Health Medical Practitioner Adverse Event Register and Adverse Event Investigation Activity;
- (d) Eastbay Health Organisational Request for External Review of Event or Process Activity.

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 EASTBAY HEALTH QUALITY ASSURANCE ACTIVITIES

1. Interpretation—In this Schedule, the term “activity” means any of the following activities:

- (a) Eastbay Health Clinical Department Peer Review and Clinical Audit Activity;
- (b) Eastbay Health Morbidity and Mortality Audit Activity;
- (c) Eastbay Health Medical Practitioner Adverse Event Register and Adverse Event Investigation Activity;
- (d) Eastbay Health Organisational Request for External Review of Event or Process Activity.

2. Sponsor—Each activity is carried out under the auspices of Eastbay Health Limited, which is a Crown health enterprise.

3. Information—Each activity is based on information derived from Eastbay Health Limited.

4. Eastbay Health Clinical Department Peer Review and Clinical Audit Activity—The Eastbay Health Clinical Department Peer Review and Clinical Audit Activity involves—

- (a) The examination of patients’ records; and
- (b) The analysis of the following data on patients:
 - (i) Admission and discharge; and
 - (ii) Morbidity; and
 - (iii) Mortality; and
 - (iv) Outcomes of treatment; and
- (c) The identification and analysis of good and adverse outcomes; and
- (d) The comparison of the results of the analysis with internal and external benchmarking standards; and
- (e) Independent internal or external peer review; and
- (f) The making of recommendations on how the medical 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; and
- (g) The facilitation and monitoring of the implementation of any such recommendations.

5. Eastbay Health Morbidity and Mortality Audit Activity—The Eastbay Health Morbidity and Mortality Audit 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) Admission and discharge; and
 - (ii) Morbidity; and
 - (iii) Mortality; and
 - (iv) Outcomes of treatment; and
- (c) The identification and analysis of good and adverse outcomes; and
- (d) The comparison of the results of the analysis with internal and external benchmarking standards; and
- (e) Independent internal or external peer review; and

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- (f) The making of recommendations on how the medical 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; and
- (g) The facilitation and monitoring of the implementation of any such recommendations.

6. Eastbay Health Medical Practitioner Adverse Event Register and Adverse Event Investigation Activity—The Eastbay Health Medical Practitioner Adverse Event Register and Adverse Event Investigation Activity involves—

- (a) The examination of patients' records; and
- (b) The analysis of the following data on patients:
 - (i) Admission and discharge; and
 - (ii) Morbidity; and
 - (iii) Mortality; and
 - (iv) Outcomes of treatment; and
- (c) The identification and analysis of good and adverse outcomes; and
- (d) The comparison of the results of the analysis with internal and external benchmarking standards; and
- (e) Responding to incident reports; and
- (f) Independent internal or external peer review; and
- (g) The placing of adverse events on a register; and
- (h) The making of recommendations on how the medical 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; and
- (i) The facilitation and monitoring of the implementation of any such recommendations.

7. Eastbay Health Organisational Request for External Review of Event or Process Activity—The Eastbay Health Organisational Request for External Review of Event or Process Activity involves—

- (a) The examination of patients' records; and
- (b) The analysis of data on the diagnosis and treatment of patients; and
- (c) The identification and analysis of good and adverse outcomes of an event or process; and
- (d) The comparison of the results of the analysis with internal and external benchmarking standards; and
- (e) Independent internal or external peer review; and
- (f) The making of recommendations on how the medical 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; and

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- (g) The facilitation and monitoring of the implementation of any such recommendations.

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

Dated at Wellington this 28th day of May 1998.

ROGER SOWRY,
Associate Minister of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This notice declares that 4 quality assurance activities sponsored by Eastbay Health Limited are quality assurance activities to which Part VI of the Medical Practitioners Act 1995 applies. Medical practitioners who provide health services at Eastbay Health Limited will participate in the activities.

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

- (a) Any information that becomes known solely as a result of the quality assurance activities is confidential; and
- (b) Any documents brought into existence solely for the purposes of the quality assurance activities are confidential; and
- (c) The persons who engage in the quality assurance activities 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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