



**MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (QUALITY ASSURANCE ACTIVITY:
HAWKES BAY) NOTICE 1999**

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

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Clinical Review Programme

NOTICE

1. Title and commencement—(1) This notice may be cited as the Medical Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity: Hawkes Bay) Notice 1999.

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

2. Interpretation—In this notice,—

“Healthcare Hawkes Bay” means the body that, immediately before the commencement of this notice, was called Healthcare Hawkes Bay Limited, and was a hospital and health service within the meaning of the Health and Disability Services Act 1993:

“Programme” means the activity described in the Schedule.

3. Declaration of quality assurance activity—The programme is a quality assurance activity to which Part VI of the Medical Practitioners Act 1995 applies.

SCHEDULE

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DESCRIPTION OF HEALTHCARE HAWKES BAY'S CLINICAL REVIEW
PROGRAMME

1. Sponsor—Healthcare Hawkes Bay is the programme's sponsor.

2. Management—The programme is managed by the holder for the time being of the position (in the employment of Healthcare Hawkes Bay) immediately before the commencement of this notice called Chairman, Clinical Advisory Group.

3. Application of programme—The programme may apply to any health services provided by any medical practitioner within the geographical area served by Healthcare Hawkes Bay (whenever those services are or were provided).

4. Purposes of programme—The purposes of the programme are—

- (a) To assess and (where appropriate) improve the practice and competence of the medical practitioner concerned, and all other medical practitioners employed by Healthcare Hawkes Bay generally; and
- (b) To minimise the risk of harm to patients; and
- (c) To maximise the safety, and benefit to patients, of treatment.

5. Nature of programme—(1) The programme—

- (a) Comprises the assessment and evaluation of the particular health services to which it is being applied; and
 - (b) Involves—
 - (i) Studying the incidence or causes of conditions or circumstances that may affect the quality of the services; and
 - (ii) Making recommendations about the provision of services of that kind; and
 - (iii) Monitoring the implementation of any recommendations made.
- (2) Paragraph (b) of subclause (1) does not limit the generality of paragraph (a).

6. Implementation of programme—(1) The programme may include any or all of the following:

- (a) Examining patient medical records;
 - (b) Analysing patient admission and discharge, morbidity, mortality, and outcome data;
 - (c) Identifying and analysing adverse outcomes;
 - (d) Reviewing incidents.
- (2) Reviewing incidents may include—
- (a) Reviewing any or all of the following:
 - (i) The completion and filing of incident reports;
 - (ii) The identification and analysis of adverse outcomes of treatment;
 - (iii) The preparation of documentation, and the gathering of information, on incidents; and
 - (b) Holding quality committee meetings to analyse and discuss incidents, to document the analysis and discussion, and to make

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recommendations on how to reduce the occurrence of incidents;
and

- (c) Facilitating and monitoring the implementation of any such recommendations; and
- (d) Preparing documentation summarising incident reports and indicating trends identified in them; and
- (e) Developing strategies to respond to any trends identified; and
- (f) Reporting to quality committees on the carrying out of any action referred to in paragraphs (a) to (e).

Dated at Wellington this 10th day of September 1999.

WYATT CREECH,
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 notification in the *Gazette*, declares that the quality assurance activity carried on by Healthcare Hawkes Bay and known as the clinical review programme is a quality assurance activity to which Part VI of the Medical Practitioners Act 1995 applies. Medical practitioners who from time to time provide health care for Healthcare Hawkes Bay will engage in the activity.

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

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

Unless earlier revoked, the notice remains in force for 5 years after its issue.

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