



**MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (QUALITY ASSURANCE ACTIVITY:  
MIDCENTRAL) 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: MidCentral) 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 “MidCentral Health Limited Medical Practitioners’ Audit Activity” 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 MIDCENTRAL HEALTH LIMITED MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS'  
AUDIT ACTIVITY

**1. Interpretation**—In this Schedule, the term “activity” means the MidCentral Health Limited Medical Practitioners’ Audit Activity.

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

**3. Method**—(1) The activity is based on information derived from MidCentral Health Limited.

(2) The 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 adverse outcomes; and
- (d) The holding of peer review meetings; and
- (e) The measurement of the data obtained under paragraphs (a) to (d) against national and interventional standards; and
- (f) The review of—
  - (i) Patient management; and
  - (ii) Treatment decisions; and
  - (iii) Internal auditing of procedures; and
- (g) The monitoring of the performance of individual medical practitioners; and
- (h) The making of recommendations on how the medical practitioners who are engaging in the activity can improve their performance so as to improve the quality of care they provide; and
- (i) The facilitation and monitoring of the implementation of any such recommendations.

**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 16th day of June 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 MidCentral Health Limited Medical Practitioners' Audit Activity is a quality assurance activity to which Part VI of the Medical Practitioners Act 1995 applies. Medical practitioners who provide health services at MidCentral Health Limited 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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