



**MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (QUALITY ASSURANCE ACTIVITY)
NOTICE 1997**

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

NOTICE

1. Title and commencement—(1) This notice may be cited as the Medical Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity) Notice 1997.

(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 “Quality and Safety Study and Improvement Programme” 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 QUALITY AND SAFETY STUDY AND IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAMME

1. Interpretation—In this Schedule, the term “programme” means the Quality and Safety Study and Improvement Programme.

2. Sponsor—The programme is carried out under the auspices of the Centre for Health Services Research and Policy, which is an inter-faculty research body constituted by the University of Auckland.

3. Method—(1) The programme is based on information derived from the following:

(a) Counties Manukau Health Limited (trading as South Auckland Health);

(b) Waitemata Health Limited;

(c) Auckland Healthcare Services Limited.

(2) The programme involves a retrospective case record review of adverse events in the provision of health services.

SCHEDULE—*continued*DESCRIPTION OF QUALITY AND SAFETY STUDY AND IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAMME—*continued*

4. Objective—As required by Part VI of the Medical Practitioners Act 1995, the objective of the programme is to reduce the incidence of adverse events and improve the quality of care provided by medical practitioners engaged in the programme.

Dated at Wellington this 8th day of September 1997.

BILL ENGLISH,
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 the quality assurance activity called the “Quality and Safety Study and Improvement Programme” is a quality assurance activity to which Part VI of the Medical Practitioners Act 1995 applies. Medical practitioners who provide health services at South Auckland Health, Waitemata Health Limited, or Auckland Healthcare Services Limited will participate in the programme.

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.