



Medical Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity: Pegasus Medical Group) Notice 2000

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**

This notice is the Medical Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity: Pegasus Medical Group) Notice 2000.
 - 2 Commencement**

This notice comes into force on the day after the date of its notification in the *Gazette*.
 - 3 Declaration of quality assurance activity**

The quality assurance activity called “the Pegasus Medical Group Quality Assurance Activity” and described in the Schedule is a quality assurance activity to which Part VI of the Medical Practitioners Act 1995 applies.
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Schedule

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Description of Pegasus Medical Group Quality Assurance Activity

1 Interpretation

In this schedule, **activity** means the Pegasus Medical Group Quality Assurance Activity.

2 Sponsor

The activity is carried out under the auspices of the Pegasus Medical Group, which is a health service.

3 Method

- (1) The activity is based on information derived from the Pegasus Medical Group.
- (2) The activity involves—
 - (a) monitoring, review, and analysis, through peer review, of—
 - (i) the prescribing practices of general practitioners participating in the activity; and
 - (ii) laboratory test ordering, quality of the laboratory test ordering, quality of the laboratory sample, and test results of general practitioners in the activity; and
 - (b) recommending how medical practitioners 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
 - (c) monitoring the implementation of—
 - (i) the prescribing recommendations developed by Pegasus Medical Group general practitioners; and
 - (ii) recommendations for laboratory test ordering by Pegasus Medical Group general practitioners; and
 - (iii) recommendations as a result of all the activities listed above; and
 - (d) reviewing patient satisfaction questionnaires by Pegasus Medical Group general practitioners; and

- (e) maintaining a continuing quality audit cycle of practice standards, both physical and clinical.

4 Objective

The objective of the activity is to improve the quality of care provided by medical practitioners engaged in the activity.

Dated at Wellington this 22nd day of February 2000.

Annette King,
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 Pegasus Medical Group Quality Assurance Activity 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 Pegasus Medical Group will engage in the activity.

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

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

Under section 69 of the Medical Practitioners Act 1995, 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.
