



**MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (QUALITY ASSURANCE ACTIVITY:
SOUTH AUCKLAND) 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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SCHEDULE

Description of South Auckland Health
Quality Assurance Plan

NOTICE

1. Title and commencement—(1) This notice may be cited as the Medical Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity: South Auckland) 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 “South Auckland Health Quality Assurance Plan” 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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DESCRIPTION OF SOUTH AUCKLAND HEALTH QUALITY ASSURANCE PLAN

1. Interpretation—In this Schedule, the term “activity” means the South Auckland Health Quality Assurance Plan.

2. Sponsor—The activity is carried out under the auspices of Counties Manukau Health Limited (trading as South Auckland Health), which is a hospital and health service.

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

(2) The activity involves—

- (a) The examination of patients’ records; and
- (b) The auditing and 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 review, analysis, and monitoring, against objective standards, of clinical management and outcomes of care; and
- (e) The review, analysis, and monitoring, as a result of a complaint, of the performance of an individual medical practitioner; and
- (f) The review, analysis, and monitoring, through observing clinical practice, of the clinical practice of the medical practitioners who are engaging in the activity; and
- (g) 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
- (h) 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 18th day of August 1998.

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 South Auckland Health Quality Assurance Plan is a quality assurance activity to which Part VI of the Medical Practitioners Act 1995 applies. Medical practitioners who provide health services at Counties Manukau Health Limited (trading as South Auckland Health) 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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This notice is administered in the Ministry of Health.