



**MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (QUALITY ASSURANCE ACTIVITY:
WAIRARAPA) NOTICE 1998**

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: Wairarapa) 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 “Wairarapa Health 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 WAIRARAPA HEALTH MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS' AUDIT ACTIVITY

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

2. Sponsor—The activity is carried out under the auspices of Wairarapa Health Limited, which is a hospital and health service.

3. Method—(1) The activity is based on information derived from Wairarapa 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 presentation and discussion of the results obtained under paragraphs (a) to (c) in forums at which the medical practitioners engaging in the activity are present; and

(e) 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

(f) The facilitation and monitoring of the implementation of any such recommendations; and

(g) The review of incidents, which involves—

(i) The completing and filing of incident reports; and

(ii) The examination of the records of patients involved in incidents; and

(iii) The identification, analysis, and review of adverse outcomes of incidents; and

(iv) The preparation of documentation, and the gathering of information, on incidents; and

(v) The holding of quality committee meetings to analyse and discuss incidents, to document the analysis and discussion, and to make recommendations on how to reduce the incidence of incidents; and

(vi) The facilitation and monitoring of the implementation of any such recommendations; and

(vii) The preparation of documentation that summarises incident reports and identifies trends showing up in them; and

(viii) The development of strategies to respond to the trends; and

(ix) The reporting to quality committees on the actions taken under subparagraphs (i) to (viii).

SCHEDULE—*continued*

DESCRIPTION OF WAIRARAPA HEALTH MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS' AUDIT
ACTIVITY—*continued*

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 20th day of October 1998.

TUARIKI DELAMERE,
Associate 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 Wairarapa Health 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 Wairarapa 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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This notice is administered in the Ministry of Health.