



**MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (QUALITY ASSURANCE ACTIVITY:
WAITEMATA) NOTICE 1999**

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: Waitemata) Notice 1999.

(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 “Waitemata Health Quality Assurance 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.

4. Revocations—The following notices are revoked:

- (a) The Medical Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity: Waitemata: Medical Services) Notice 1998*;
- (b) The Medical Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity: Waitemata: Psychiatric Services) Notice 1998†.

Cl. 2

SCHEDULE

DESCRIPTION OF WAITEMATA HEALTH QUALITY ASSURANCE ACTIVITY

1. Interpretation—In this Schedule, the term “activity” means the Waitemata Health Quality Assurance Activity.

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

3. Method—(1) The activity is based on information derived from Waitemata 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) Drug utilisation; and
 - (iii) Morbidity; and
 - (iv) Mortality; and
 - (v) Outcomes of treatment; and
- (c) The identification and analysis of good outcomes and adverse outcomes; and
- (d) The comparison of the results of the analysis with internal and external benchmarking standards; and
- (e) The review, analysis, and monitoring, against objective standards, of clinical management and outcomes of care; and
- (f) The review, analysis, and monitoring, as a result of a complaint, of clinical management and outcomes of care; and
- (g) The review, analysis, and monitoring, through observing clinical practice, of the clinical practice of the medical practitioners who are engaging in the activity; and
- (h) Internal or external peer review and case conferences; and
- (i) 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
- (j) The facilitation and monitoring of the implementation of any such recommendations; and
- (k) The reporting to quality committees on the actions taken under paragraphs (a) to (j); and
- (l) The review of incidents, which involves the actions described in clause 4.

4. Review of incidents—The review of incidents involves—

- (a) The completing and filing of incident reports; and
- (b) The examination of the records of patients involved in incidents; and
- (c) The identification, analysis, and review of good outcomes and adverse outcomes of incidents; and
- (d) The preparation of documentation, and the gathering of information, on incidents; and
- (e) The holding of quality committee meetings on incidents; and
- (f) The discussion, and documentation of the discussion, of incidents; and

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- (g) The comparison of the results of the analysis of reported incidents with internal and external benchmarking standards; and
- (h) The internal or external review of incidents; and
- (i) The making of recommendations relating to incidents; and
- (j) The facilitation and monitoring of the implementation of any such recommendations; and
- (k) The preparation of documentation that summarises incident reports and identifies trends showing up in them; and
- (l) The development of strategies to respond to the trends; and
- (m) The reporting to quality committees on the carrying out of the actions referred to in paragraphs (a) to (l).

5. 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 3rd day of August 1999.

GEORGINA TE HEUHEU,
for 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 Waitemata Health 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 services at Waitemata 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.

This notice revokes and replaces 2 previous notices declaring Waitemata Health quality assurance activities to be quality assurance activities to which Part VI of the Medical Practitioners Act 1995 applies.