

**Reprint  
as at 4 June 2010**



**Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activities—Otago District Health Board) Notice 2009**

(SR 2009/156)

Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activities—Otago District Health Board) Notice 2009: revoked, on 4 June 2010, by clause 5 of the Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activities—Southern DHB) Notice 2010 (SR 2010/140).

Pursuant to section 54 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003, the Minister of Health, being satisfied of the matters set out in section 54(3) of that Act, gives the following notice.

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**Note**

Changes authorised by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 have been made in this reprint.

A general outline of these changes is set out in the notes at the end of this reprint, together with other explanatory material about this reprint.

**This notice is administered by the Ministry of Health.**

## Notice

### 1 Title

This notice is the Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activities—Otago District Health Board) Notice 2009.

### 2 Commencement

This notice comes into force on the day after the date of its notification in the *Gazette*.

### 3 Declaration of protected quality assurance activities

Each of the following quality assurance activities described in the Schedule is a protected quality assurance activity:

- (a) Otago District Health Board Clinical Audit Activity;
- (b) Otago District Health Board Morbidity and Mortality Review Activity;
- (c) Otago District Health Board Peer Review Activity.

### 4 Revocation

The Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity: Otago District Health Board) Notice 2004 (SR 2004/113) is revoked.

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## Schedule

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### Description of Otago District Health Board Quality Assurance Activities

#### 1 Interpretation

In this Schedule, **protected quality assurance activities** means—

- (a) the Otago District Health Board Clinical Audit Activity; and
- (b) the Otago District Health Board Morbidity and Mortality Review Activity; and
- (c) the Otago District Health Board Peer Review Activity.

#### 2 Objective

The objective of each of the protected quality assurance activities is to improve the practices and competence of health

practitioners engaged in the activity by assessing the health services performed by those health practitioners.

**3 Information**

The protected quality assurance activities are based on information derived from health practitioners who provide health services on behalf of the Otago District Health Board and who are—

- (a) employed by the Otago District Health Board; or
- (b) external personnel authorised by the Otago District Health Board to provide health services.

**4 Otago District Health Board Clinical Audit Activity**

The Otago District Health Board Clinical Audit Activity involves—

- (a) conducting clinical audits on specific topics to review the clinical practices of multi-disciplinary health practitioner teams, including review of—
  - (i) diagnostic procedures; and
  - (ii) treatment decisions; and
  - (iii) resource allocations and usage; and
  - (iv) patient care processes; and
  - (v) outcomes of treatment and care for patients; and
- (b) comparing the results of clinical audits with relevant internal and external benchmarking standards; and
- (c) identifying clinical practices that do not conform with the benchmarking standards referred to in paragraph (b); and
- (d) introducing initiatives aimed at improving clinical practice to better ensure the benchmarking standards referred to in paragraph (b) are achieved.

**5 Otago District Health Board Morbidity and Mortality Review Activity**

The Otago District Health Board Morbidity and Mortality Review Activity involves the holding of meetings to—

- (a) discuss processes and practices that result in an outcome for patients that may, but need not, be an adverse outcome; and

- (b) make recommendations on how the health 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
- (c) facilitate and monitor the implementation of any such recommendations.

**6 Otago District Health Board Peer Review Activity**

The Otago District Health Board Peer Review Activity involves—

- (a) holding peer review meetings to review the competence of health practitioners who are engaging in the activity; and
- (b) making recommendations on how any, or all, of the health practitioners engaging in the activity may improve their performance so as to—
  - (i) improve the quality of care they provide; and
  - (ii) reduce the incidence of adverse outcomes.

Dated at Wellington this 25th day of May 2009.

Hon Tony Ryall,  
Minister of Health.

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Issued under the authority of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989.  
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## **Notes**

### **1 *General***

This is a reprint of the Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activities—Otago District Health Board) Notice 2009. The reprint incorporates all the amendments to the notice as at 4 June 2010, as specified in the list of amendments at the end of these notes.

Relevant provisions of any amending enactments that contain transitional, savings, or application provisions that cannot be compiled in the reprint are also included, after the principal enactment, in chronological order. For more information, see <http://www.pco.parliament.govt.nz/reprints/>.

### **2 *Status of reprints***

Under section 16D of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989, reprints are presumed to correctly state, as at the date of the reprint, the law enacted by the principal enactment and by the amendments to that enactment. This presumption applies even though editorial changes authorised by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 have been made in the reprint.

This presumption may be rebutted by producing the official volumes of statutes or statutory regulations in which the principal enactment and its amendments are contained.

### **3 *How reprints are prepared***

A number of editorial conventions are followed in the preparation of reprints. For example, the enacting words are not

included in Acts, and provisions that are repealed or revoked are omitted. For a detailed list of the editorial conventions, see <http://www.pco.parliament.govt.nz/editorial-conventions/> or Part 8 of the *Tables of New Zealand Acts and Ordinances and Statutory Regulations and Deemed Regulations in Force*.

#### **4 Changes made under section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989**

Section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 authorises the making of editorial changes in a reprint as set out in sections 17D and 17E of that Act so that, to the extent permitted, the format and style of the reprinted enactment is consistent with current legislative drafting practice. Changes that would alter the effect of the legislation are not permitted. A new format of legislation was introduced on 1 January 2000. Changes to legislative drafting style have also been made since 1997, and are ongoing. To the extent permitted by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989, all legislation reprinted after 1 January 2000 is in the new format for legislation and reflects current drafting practice at the time of the reprint.

In outline, the editorial changes made in reprints under the authority of section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 are set out below, and they have been applied, where relevant, in the preparation of this reprint:

- omission of unnecessary referential words (such as “of this section” and “of this Act”)
- typeface and type size (Times Roman, generally in 11.5 point)
- layout of provisions, including:
  - indentation
  - position of section headings (eg, the number and heading now appear above the section)
- format of definitions (eg, the defined term now appears in bold type, without quotation marks)
- format of dates (eg, a date formerly expressed as “the 1st day of January 1999” is now expressed as “1 January 1999”)

- position of the date of assent (it now appears on the front page of each Act)
- punctuation (eg, colons are not used after definitions)
- Parts numbered with roman numerals are replaced with arabic numerals, and all cross-references are changed accordingly
- case and appearance of letters and words, including:
  - format of headings (eg, headings where each word formerly appeared with an initial capital letter followed by small capital letters are amended so that the heading appears in bold, with only the first word (and any proper nouns) appearing with an initial capital letter)
  - small capital letters in section and subsection references are now capital letters
- schedules are renumbered (eg, Schedule 1 replaces First Schedule), and all cross-references are changed accordingly
- running heads (the information that appears at the top of each page)
- format of two-column schedules of consequential amendments, and schedules of repeals (eg, they are rearranged into alphabetical order, rather than chronological).

**5 *List of amendments incorporated in this reprint  
(most recent first)***

Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activities—Southern DHB) Notice 2010 (SR 2010/140): clause 5

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