

**Version
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**Health Practitioners (Protected Quality Assurance
Activity—Australasian Vascular Audit) Notice 2016**
(LI 2017/4)

Health Practitioners (Protected Quality Assurance Activity—Australasian Vascular Audit) Notice 2016: revoked, on 27 September 2021, by clause 3.

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

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Notice

1 Title

This notice is the Health Practitioners (Protected Quality Assurance Activity—Australasian Vascular Audit) Notice 2016.

2 Commencement

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

Note

Changes authorised by subpart 2 of Part 2 of the Legislation Act 2012 have been made in this official reprint.
Note 4 at the end of this reprint provides a list of the amendments incorporated.

This notice is administered by the Ministry of Health.

3 Revocation of this notice

This notice is revoked on 27 September 2021.

4 Interpretation

In this notice, **specified health practitioner** means a vascular surgeon or radiologist who is—

- (a) in New Zealand; and
- (b) a member of the Vascular Society of New Zealand.

5 Declaration of protected quality assurance activity

The following quality assurance activities (known as the Australasian Vascular Audit) are protected to the extent that they are undertaken by the Vascular Society of New Zealand in relation to specified health practitioners:

- (a) collecting data about arterial or venous procedures and the outcome of those procedures:
- (b) collating and analysing the data collected under paragraph (a):
- (c) applying bi-national standards and international guidelines to the data collected under paragraph (a) to evaluate the performance of specified health practitioners:
- (d) providing individual specified health practitioners with feedback on any evaluation undertaken under paragraph (c):
- (e) identifying specified health practitioners for whom an evaluation indicates a performance level that does not conform with the standards and guidelines referred to in paragraph (c):
- (f) advising the President of the Vascular Society of New Zealand of the specified health practitioners identified under paragraph (e):
- (g) making recommendations on how specified health practitioners identified under paragraph (e) may improve their performance level:
- (h) facilitating and monitoring the implementation of those recommendations:
- (i) reporting to the Vascular Society of New Zealand the results of the evaluation undertaken under paragraph (c) with any recommended changes in clinical practices that are desirable for improving the provision of health services by a specified health practitioner.

6 Revocation

The Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity—Australasian Vascular Audit) Notice 2011 (SR/118) is revoked.

Dated at Wellington this 17th day of October 2016.

Hon Dr Jonathan Coleman,
Minister of Health.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the notice, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

This notice comes into force on the day after the date of its notification in the *Gazette*. It declares the quality assurance activities described in *clause 5*, known as the Australasian Vascular Audit, to be protected. Quality assurance activities are activities that are undertaken to improve the practices or competence of health practitioners by assessing the health services performed by those practitioners. The effect of protecting a quality assurance activity is that—

- 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.

The protections afforded by this notice are subject to certain statutory exceptions. For example, this notice does not prohibit the disclosure of information that does not identify, either expressly or by implication, a particular individual.

This notice is revoked on 27 September 2021.

This notice revokes the Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity—Australasian Vascular Audit) Notice 2011, which has expired.

Reprints notes

1 *General*

This is a reprint of the Health Practitioners (Protected Quality Assurance Activity—Australasian Vascular Audit) Notice 2016 that incorporates all the amendments to that notice as at the date of the last amendment to it.

2 *Legal status*

Reprints are presumed to correctly state, as at the date of the reprint, the law enacted by the principal enactment and by any amendments to that enactment. Section 18 of the Legislation Act 2012 provides that this reprint, published in electronic form, has the status of an official version under section 17 of that Act. A printed version of the reprint produced directly from this official electronic version also has official status.

3 *Editorial and format changes*

Editorial and format changes to reprints are made using the powers under sections 24 to 26 of the Legislation Act 2012. See also <http://www.pco.parliament.govt.nz/editorial-conventions/>.

4 *Amendments incorporated in this reprint*

Health Practitioners (Protected Quality Assurance Activity—Australasian Vascular Audit) Notice 2016 (LI 2017/4): clause 3