



Medical Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity: Anaesthetists: Faculty of Intensive Care Programme) Notice 2001

Pursuant to section 68(1) of the Medical Practitioners Act 1995, the Minister of Health gives the following notice.

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Notice

- Title**

This notice is the Medical Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity: Anaesthetists: Faculty of Intensive Care Programme) Notice 2001.
 - Commencement**

This notice comes into force on the day after the date of its notification in the *Gazette*.
 - Declaration of quality assurance activity**

The quality assurance activity called the “Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists Faculty of Intensive Care Maintenance of Professional Standards Programme” and described in the Schedule is a quality assurance activity to which Part VI of the Medical Practitioners Act 1995 applies.
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Description of Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists Faculty of Intensive Care Maintenance of Professional Standards Programme

1 Interpretation

In this schedule, **activity** means the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists Faculty of Intensive Care Maintenance of Professional Standards Programme.

2 Sponsor

The activity is carried out under the auspices of the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists Faculty of Intensive Care.

3 Method

- (1) The activity is based on information derived from medical practitioners who are enrolled in the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists Faculty of Intensive Care Maintenance of Professional Standards Programme.
- (2) The activity involves—
 - (a) the examination of patients' records; and
 - (b) the assessment of particular activities or interventions undertaken by medical practitioners to determine whether the activities or interventions—
 - (i) were appropriate; and
 - (ii) were of an excellent quality; and
 - (iii) gave satisfaction to the patients; and
 - (c) the analysis of the following data on patients:
 - (i) admission and discharge; and
 - (ii) morbidity; and
 - (iii) mortality; and
 - (iv) outcomes of treatment; and
 - (d) the identification and analysis of adverse outcomes; and
 - (e) the review and analysis, through peer review, of medical practitioners' medical knowledge, management, and interpersonal relationships; and
 - (f) the making of recommendations on how 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
- (g) the facilitation and monitoring of the implementation of any such recommendations.

4 Objective

The objective of the activity is to improve the quality of care provided by the medical practitioners engaged in the activity.

Dated at Wellington this 4th day of December 2001.

Annette King,
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 “Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists Faculty of Intensive Care Maintenance of Professional Standards Programme” is a quality assurance activity to which Part VI of the Medical Practitioners Act 1995 applies. Medical practitioners who are enrolled in the Programme will participate in the activity.

The effect of this declaration is that, subject to certain exceptions,—

- 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.

Under section 69 of the Medical Practitioners Act 1995, 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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