



**MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (QUALITY ASSURANCE ACTIVITY:
AUCKLAND HOSPITAL) NOTICE 1998**

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

ANALYSIS

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SCHEDULE

Description of Auckland Hospital Quality Assurance System

NOTICE

1. Title and commencement—(1) This notice may be cited as the Medical Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity: Auckland Hospital) 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 “Auckland Hospital Quality Assurance System” 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 AUCKLAND HOSPITAL QUALITY ASSURANCE SYSTEM

1. Interpretation—In this Schedule, the term “activity” means the Auckland Hospital Quality Assurance System.

2. Sponsor—The activity is carried out at Auckland Hospital under the auspices of Auckland Healthcare Services Limited, which is a Crown health enterprise.

3. Method—(1) The activity is based on information derived from Auckland Hospital.

(2) The activity involves—

(a) The selection of case record reviews to identify adverse clinical events or outcomes in the provision of hospital health services by medical practitioners; and

(b) The review of adverse clinical events or outcomes identified; and

(c) The development of strategies to reduce the incidence of adverse clinical events or outcomes in the provision of hospital health services by the medical practitioners.

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 19th day of May 1998.

BILL ENGLISH,
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 Auckland Hospital Quality Assurance System is a quality assurance activity to which Part VI of the Medical Practitioners Act 1995 applies. Medical practitioners who provide health services at Auckland Hospital 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.