



**MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (QUALITY ASSURANCE ACTIVITY: PHYSICIANS) NOTICE 1998**

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

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Description of New Zealand Committee of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians' Medical Quality Assurance Programme

NOTICE

**1. Title and commencement**—(1) This notice may be cited as the Medical Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity: Physicians) 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 “New Zealand Committee of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians’ Medical Quality Assurance Programme” 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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DESCRIPTION OF NEW ZEALAND COMMITTEE OF THE ROYAL AUSTRALASIAN  
COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS' MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAMME

**1. Interpretation**—In this Schedule, the term “activity” means the New Zealand Committee of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians' Medical Quality Assurance Programme.

**2. Sponsor**—The activity is carried out under the auspices of the New Zealand Committee of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians.

**3. Method**—(1) The activity is based on information derived from medical practitioners who—

- (a) Are Advanced Trainees of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians; or
  - (b) Are Fellows of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians in active clinical practice; or
  - (c) Are members of the Australian College of Paediatrics; or
  - (d) Are not covered by any of paragraphs (a) to (c), but are enrolled in the Royal Australasian College of Physicians' 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 review of patient satisfaction questionnaires; 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 review of the performance of individual medical practitioners by a panel; and
  - (g) 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
  - (h) The facilitation and monitoring of the implementation of any such recommendations.

SCHEDULE—*continued*DESCRIPTION OF NEW ZEALAND COMMITTEE OF THE ROYAL AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS' MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAMME—  
*continued*

**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 13th day of July 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 New Zealand Committee of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians' Medical Quality Assurance Programme is a quality assurance activity to which Part VI of the Medical Practitioners Act 1995 applies. The medical practitioners described in the notice 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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