



**MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (QUALITY ASSURANCE ACTIVITY:
WAITEMATA: MEDICAL SERVICES) 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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Medical Services Audit Activity

NOTICE

1. Title and commencement—(1) This notice may be cited as the Medical Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity: Waitemata: Medical Services) 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 “Waitemata Health Limited Medical Services Audit Activity” 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 WAITEMATA HEALTH LIMITED MEDICAL SERVICES AUDIT
ACTIVITY

1. Interpretation—In this Schedule, the term “activity” means the Waitemata Health Limited Medical Services Audit Activity.

2. Sponsor—The activity is carried out under the auspices of Waitemata Health Limited, which is a Crown health enterprise.

3. Method—(1) The activity is based on information derived from Waitemata Health Limited.

(2) The activity involves, first,—

(a) A review of the outcome of the treatment of each individual patient; and

(b) The identification of weaknesses in the medical practitioner’s process of treatment, medical management practices, performance, or competence; and

(c) The making of recommendations to the medical practitioner on how he or she can improve in any area in which a weakness is identified.

(3) The activity involves, second, the making of general recommendations on how the medical practitioners who are engaging in the activity can improve their performance so as to improve the quality of care they provide.

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 11th day of June 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 Waitemata Health Limited Medical Services Audit Activity is a quality assurance activity to which Part VI of the Medical Practitioners Act 1995 applies. Medical practitioners who provide health services at Waitemata Health Limited 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.