



Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity—Bi-National Colorectal Cancer Audit) Notice 2014

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

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Notice

- 1 Title**
 This notice is the Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity—Bi-National Colorectal Cancer Audit) Notice 2014.
- 2 Commencement**
 This notice comes into force on the day after the date of its notification in the *Gazette*.

3 Revocation of this notice

This notice is revoked at the end of the period for which it remains in force under section 54(4) of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003.

4 Declaration of protected quality assurance activity

The Bi-National Colorectal Cancer Audit described in the Schedule is a protected quality assurance activity.

5 Revocation

The Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity—Bi-National Colorectal Cancer Audit) Notice 2009 (SR 2009/120) is revoked.

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**Description of Bi-National Colorectal
Cancer Audit**

1 Interpretation

In this schedule,—

activity means the Bi-National Colorectal Cancer Audit

CSSANZ means the Colorectal Surgical Society of Australia and New Zealand

participant means a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons who is—

- (a) practising in New Zealand; and
- (b) involved in the surgical treatment of colorectal cancer.

2 Objective

The objective of the activity is to establish an audit of the treatment of colorectal cancer by participants to ensure that the treatment provided by those participants is performed at the highest possible standard.

3 Information

The activity is based on information provided by—

- (a) participants; and

- (b) surgeons involved in the treatment of colorectal cancer in Australia.

4 Activity

- (1) The activity will be undertaken by CSSANZ.
- (2) The activity involves—
 - (a) collecting data about colorectal cancer patients who are managed by participants; and
 - (b) transferring collected data to the Bi-National Colorectal Cancer Audit database; and
 - (c) collating and analysing collected data to provide national standards and comparisons; and
 - (d) at six-monthly intervals, providing participants with information about their clinical practices and outcomes in relation to their peers; and
 - (e) using the information to identify, implement, and monitor specific improvements in individual clinical practices; and
 - (f) reporting back annually to participants through CSSANZ on—
 - (i) trends in clinical practices and outcomes shown by the information collected; and
 - (ii) any changes in the clinical practices of participants that are desirable in order to respond to the trends.

Dated at Wellington this 15th day of July 2014.

Hon Tony Ryall,
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 Bi-National Colorectal Cancer Audit described in the *Schedule* to be a protected quality assurance activity. The effect of this declaration 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.

Under section 54(4) of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003, this notice remains in force for a period of 5 years after the date on which it is issued unless it is revoked before then.

This notice revokes the Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity—Bi-National Colorectal Cancer Audit) Notice 2009.

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This notice is administered by the Ministry of Health.
