

**Reprint  
as at 20 May 2015**



**Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activities—  
Southern DHB) Notice 2010  
(SR 2010/140)**

Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activities—Southern DHB) Notice 2010: revoked, on 20 May 2015, pursuant to section 54(4) of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (2003 No 48).

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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**Schedule**

**Description of Southern DHB Quality Assurance Activities**

**Notice**

**1 Title**

This notice is the Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activities—Southern DHB) Notice 2010.

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**Note**

Changes authorised by subpart 2 of Part 2 of the Legislation Act 2012 have been made in this official reprint.  
Note 4 at the end of this reprint provides a list of the amendments incorporated.

**This notice is administered by the Ministry of Health.**

**2 Commencement**

This notice comes into force on the day after the date of its notification in the *Gazette*.

**3 Interpretation**

In this notice, **Southern DHB** means the Southern District Health Board established under section 19 of the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000.

**4 Declaration of protected quality assurance activities**

Each of the following quality assurance activities described in the Schedule is a protected quality assurance activity:

- (a) Southern DHB Clinical Audit Activity;
- (b) Southern DHB Morbidity and Mortality Review Activity;
- (c) Southern DHB Peer Review Activity.

**5 Revocation**

The Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activities—Otago District Health Board) Notice 2009 (SR 2009/156) is revoked.

**Schedule****Description of Southern DHB Quality Assurance Activities**

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**1 Objective**

The objective of each of the quality assurance activities is to improve the practices and competence of health practitioners engaged in the activity by assessing the health services performed by those health practitioners.

**2 Information**

The quality assurance activities are based on information derived from health practitioners who provide health services on behalf of Southern DHB and who—

- (a) are employed by Southern DHB; or
- (b) are authorised by Southern DHB to provide health services; or
- (c) have an access agreement with Southern DHB.

**3 Southern DHB Clinical Audit Activity**

The Southern DHB Clinical Audit Activity involves—

- (a) conducting clinical audits on specific topics to review the clinical practices of multi-disciplinary health practitioner teams, including review of—

- (i) diagnostic procedures; and
- (ii) treatment decisions; and
- (iii) resource allocations and usage; and
- (iv) patient care processes; and
- (v) outcomes of treatment and care for patients; and
- (b) comparing the results of clinical audits with relevant internal and external benchmarking standards; and
- (c) identifying clinical practices that do not conform with the benchmarking standards referred to in paragraph (b); and
- (d) introducing initiatives aimed at improving clinical practice to better ensure the benchmarking standards referred to in paragraph (b) are achieved.

**4 Southern DHB Morbidity and Mortality Review Activity**

The Southern DHB Morbidity and Mortality Review Activity involves the holding of meetings to—

- (a) discuss processes and practices that result in an outcome for patients that may, but need not, be an adverse outcome; and
- (b) make recommendations on how the health 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
- (c) facilitate and monitor the implementation of any such recommendations.

**5 Southern DHB Peer Review Activity**

The Southern DHB Peer Review Activity involves—

- (a) holding peer review meetings to review the competence of health practitioners who are engaging in the activity; and
- (b) making recommendations on how any, or all, of the health practitioners engaging in the activity may improve their performance so as to—
  - (i) improve the quality of care they provide; and
  - (ii) reduce the incidence of adverse outcomes.

Dated at Wellington this 20th day of May 2010.

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, which comes into force on the day after the date of its notification in the *Gazette*, declares 3 quality assurance activities sponsored by Southern DHB to be protected quality assurance activities. The effect of this declaration is that—

- any information that becomes known solely as a result of the activities is confidential; and
- any documents brought into existence solely for the purposes of the activities are confidential; and
- the persons who engage in the activities 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.

This notice remains in force for a period of 5 years after the date on which it is issued, unless it is sooner revoked.

Southern DHB was established on the close of 30 April 2010 as a result of the merger of Southland DHB and Otago DHB. The notice declaring the protected quality assurance activities of Southland DHB expired on 28 April 2010. The notice declaring the protected quality assurance activities of Otago DHB is revoked by this notice.

Issued under the authority of the Legislation Act 2012.  
Date of notification in *Gazette*: 3 June 2010.

## **Reprints notes**

### **1    *General***

This is a reprint of the Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activities—Southern DHB) Notice 2010 that incorporates all the amendments to that notice as at the date of the last amendment to it.

### **2    *Legal status***

Reprints are presumed to correctly state, as at the date of the reprint, the law enacted by the principal enactment and by any amendments to that enactment. Section 18 of the Legislation Act 2012 provides that this reprint, published in electronic form, has the status of an official version under section 17 of that Act. A printed version of the reprint produced directly from this official electronic version also has official status.

### **3    *Editorial and format changes***

Editorial and format changes to reprints are made using the powers under sections 24 to 26 of the Legislation Act 2012. See also <http://www.pco.parliament.govt.nz/editorial-conventions/>.

### **4    *Amendments incorporated in this reprint***

Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (2003 No 48): section 54(4)