

**Reprint
as at 23 September 2015**



**Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity—New
Zealand Orthopaedic Association Practice Visit
Programme) Notice 2010**

(SR 2010/345)

Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity—New Zealand Orthopaedic Association Practice Visit Programme) Notice 2010: revoked, on 23 September 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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Notice

1 Title

This notice is the Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity—New Zealand Orthopaedic Association Practice Visit Programme) Notice 2010.

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 Declaration of protected quality assurance activity

The New Zealand Orthopaedic Association Practice Visit Programme described in the Schedule is a protected quality assurance activity.

Schedule

Description of New Zealand Orthopaedic Association Practice Visit Programme

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1 Interpretation

In this schedule,—

activity means the New Zealand Orthopaedic Association Practice Visit Programme

participant means a health practitioner who is an orthopaedic surgeon participating in the activity as part of the New Zealand Orthopaedic Association Continuing Development Programme either—

- (a) as the visited orthopaedic surgeon; or
- (b) as 1 of the 2 visiting orthopaedic surgeons.

2 Objective

The objective of the activity is to improve the practices and competence of participants who are the visited orthopaedic surgeons by assessing the health services performed by them.

3 Information

The activity is based on information derived from the participants.

4 Activity

The activity involves—

- (a) the orthopaedic surgeon whose practice is to be visited providing the 2 orthopaedic surgeons who are to visit the practice with—
 - (i) information gathered from questionnaires of colleagues and patients, and a self questionnaire, to obtain feedback about his or her practice; and
 - (ii) a summary of the previous 2 years' surgical audits relating to his or her practice; and

- (iii) up-to-date data relating to his or her practice obtained from the New Zealand Orthopaedic Association National Joint Registry; and
- (iv) a completed practice profile questionnaire; and
- (b) the 2 visiting orthopaedic surgeons—
 - (i) reviewing the information provided under paragraph (a); and
 - (ii) discussing the information with the orthopaedic surgeon whose practice they are visiting; and
 - (iii) reviewing the surgeon's practice surroundings, facilities, and processes; and
 - (iv) reviewing 10 randomly selected case records of the surgeon that include both public and private cases; and
 - (v) observing the surgeon undertaking a surgical session; and
 - (vi) carrying out a concluding interview with the surgeon; and
 - (vii) providing a report to the surgeon and to the New Zealand Orthopaedic Association's Practice Visit and Risk Management Committee, with recommendations as to how any identified shortcomings should be addressed; and
 - (viii) monitoring the implementation of any recommendations.

Dated at Wellington this 23rd day of September 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 the New Zealand Orthopaedic Association Practice Visit Programme 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 sooner revoked.

Issued under the authority of the Legislation Act 2012.
Date of notification in *Gazette*: 30 September 2010.

Reprints notes

1 *General*

This is a reprint of the Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity—New Zealand Orthopaedic Association Practice Visit Programme) 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)