



Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity—ANZGOSA Audit) Notice 2011

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—ANZGOSA Audit) Notice 2011.
- 2 Commencement**
 This notice comes into force on the day after the date of its notification in the *Gazette*.
- 3 Interpretation**
 In this notice, **ANZGOSA** means the Australian and New Zealand Gastric and Oesophageal Surgical Association Incorporated.

- 4 Declaration of protected quality assurance activity**
The ANZGOSA Audit described in the Schedule is a protected quality assurance activity.

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Description of ANZGOSA Audit

1 Interpretation

In this schedule,—

activity means the ANZGOSA Audit described in clause 4

participant means a surgeon who is—

- (a) a member of ANZGOSA; and
- (b) involved in the treatment in New Zealand of—
 - (i) oesophago-gastric cancer; or
 - (ii) gastrointestinal stromal tumours; or
 - (iii) oesophago-gastric cancer and gastrointestinal stromal tumours; and
- (c) participating in the activity.

2 Objective

The objective of the activity is to ensure that the highest possible standard of surgical care and management is given by participants to patients in New Zealand with oesophago-gastric cancer or gastrointestinal stromal tumours.

3 Information

The activity is based on information derived from participants.

4 Activity

- (1) The activity is undertaken by ANZGOSA in collaboration with persons employed or engaged by the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons.
- (2) The activity involves—
 - (a) collecting from participants clinical and pathological data about patients with oesophago-gastric cancer or gastrointestinal stromal tumours; and

- (b) collating and analysing the data collected under paragraph (a); and
- (c) applying bi-national standards and clinical guidelines to the data collected under paragraph (a) to evaluate the surgical care and management performance of participants; and
- (d) providing individual participants with feedback on the evaluation undertaken under paragraph (c); and
- (e) making recommendations on how participants may improve their performance to ensure that patients are provided with the highest possible standard of surgical care and management; and
- (f) facilitating and monitoring any recommendation made under paragraph (e).

Dated at Wellington this 6th day of April 2011.

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 ANZGOSA Audit 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
- people 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 Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989.

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This notice is administered by the Ministry of Health.
