



Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity—Australasian Vascular 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—Australasian Vascular Audit) Notice 2011.
- 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 Australasian Vascular Audit described in the Schedule is a protected quality assurance activity.

4 Revocation

The Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity: Vascular Surgeons) Notice 2003 (SR 2004/2) is revoked.

Schedule

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**Description of Australasian Vascular
Audit****1 Interpretation**

In this schedule,—

activity means—

- (a) the Australasian Vascular Audit administered in New Zealand by the Vascular Society of New Zealand; and
- (b) the activity described in clause 4

participant means a vascular surgeon in New Zealand who is—

- (a) a member of the Vascular Society of New Zealand; and
- (b) participating in the activity.

2 Objective

The objective of the activity is to improve the practices and competence of participants by assessing the health services performed by them.

3 Information

The activity is based on information derived from participants.

4 Activity

The activity involves—

- (a) collecting from participants data about arterial or venous procedures and the outcome of those procedures; and
- (b) collating and analysing the data collected under paragraph (a); and
- (c) applying bi-national standards and international guidelines to the data collected under paragraph (a) to evaluate the performance of participants; and

- (d) providing individual participants with feedback on the evaluation undertaken under paragraph (c); and
- (e) identifying those participants in respect of whom the evaluation undertaken under paragraph (c) indicates a performance level that does not conform with the standards and guidelines referred to in paragraph (c); and
- (f) advising the President of the Vascular Society of New Zealand of the participants identified under paragraph (e); and
- (g) making recommendations on how participants identified under paragraph (e) may improve their performance level; and
- (h) facilitating and monitoring any recommendation made under paragraph (g); and
- (i) reporting to the Vascular Society of New Zealand the results of the evaluation undertaken under paragraph (c) with any recommended changes in clinical practices that are desirable for improving the provision of health services by participants.

Dated at Wellington this 2nd day of May 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 quality assurance activity called the Australasian Vascular 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

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- 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.

This notice revokes the Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity: Vascular Surgeons) Notice 2003, which has expired.

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