



Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity—Counties Manukau DHB) 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.

Contents

		Page
1	Title	1
2	Commencement	1
3	Interpretation	1
4	Declaration of protected quality assurance activity	2
5	Revocation	2

Schedule

Description of Counties Manukau DHB Quality Assurance Activity

2

Notice

- 1 Title**
 This notice is the Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity—Counties Manukau DHB) 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, **Counties Manukau DHB** means the Counties Manukau District Health Board established by or under sec-

tion 19(1) of the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000.

4 Declaration of protected quality assurance activity

The Counties Manukau DHB Quality Assurance Activity described in the Schedule is a protected quality assurance activity.

5 Revocation

The Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity: Counties Manukau District Health Board) Notice 2004 (SR 2004/218) is revoked.

Schedule

cl 4

**Description of Counties Manukau DHB
Quality Assurance Activity**

1 Objective

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

2 Quality assurance activity

- (1) The activity is based on information derived from health practitioners who provide health services on behalf of the Counties Manukau DHB.
- (2) The activity involves—
 - (a) examining patients' records; and
 - (b) analysing the following data on patients:
 - (i) admission and discharge; and
 - (ii) morbidity; and
 - (iii) mortality; and
 - (iv) outcomes of treatment; and
 - (c) analysing the patient care process; and

- (d) identifying and analysing any process or practice that results in an outcome for patients which may, but need not, be an adverse outcome; and
- (e) presenting and discussing the results obtained under paragraphs (a) to (d) by health practitioners engaging in the activity; and
- (f) assessing particular activities or interventions undertaken by health practitioners to determine whether the activities or interventions—
 - (i) were appropriate; and
 - (ii) were of an excellent quality; and
 - (iii) gave satisfaction to the patients; and
- (g) reviewing and analysing, through peer review, practitioners' knowledge, management, and interpersonal relationships; and
- (h) making recommendations on how the health practitioners who are participating 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
- (i) facilitating and monitoring the implementation of any such recommendations.

Dated at Wellington this 19th 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 Counties Manukau DHB Quality Assurance Activity to be a pro-

**Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance
Activity—Counties Manukau DHB)
Notice 2011**

Explanatory note

2011/189

tected quality assurance activity. The effect of this declaration is that, subject to certain exceptions,—

- 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.

This notice revokes the Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity: Counties Manukau District Health Board) Notice 2004, which has expired.

Issued under the authority of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989.
Date of notification in *Gazette*: 26 May 2011.
This notice is administered by the Ministry of Health.
