



Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity—South Canterbury District Health Board) Notice 2010

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	Declaration of protected quality assurance activity	2
4	Revocation	2

Schedule

Description of South Canterbury District Health Board Quality Assurance Activity

2

Notice

- 1 Title**
 This notice is the Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity—South Canterbury District Health Board) Notice 2010.
- 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 South Canterbury District Health Board Quality Assurance Activity described in the Schedule is a protected quality assurance activity.

4 Revocation

The Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity: South Canterbury District Health Board) Notice 2005 (SR 2005/59) is revoked.

Schedule

cl 3

**Description of South Canterbury District
Health Board Quality Assurance Activity**

1 Objective

The objective of the quality assurance activity 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 Quality assurance activity

- (1) The activity is based on information derived from health practitioners who provide health services on behalf of the South Canterbury District Health Board.
- (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) identifying and analysing any process or practice that results in an outcome for patients that may, but need not, be an adverse outcome; and
 - (d) holding peer review meetings; and
 - (e) reviewing—
 - (i) patient management; and
 - (ii) treatment decisions; and

- (iii) internal auditing of procedures; and
- (f) making 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
- (g) monitoring the implementation of any recommendations made under paragraph (f).

Dated at Wellington this 1st 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 the quality assurance activity called the South Canterbury District Health Board Quality Assurance Activity to be a protected 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.

**Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance
Activity—South Canterbury District
Health Board) Notice 2010**

Explanatory note

2010/116

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: South Canterbury District Health Board) Notice 2005, which has expired.

Issued under the authority of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989.
Date of notification in *Gazette*: 13 May 2010.
This notice is administered by the Ministry of Health.
