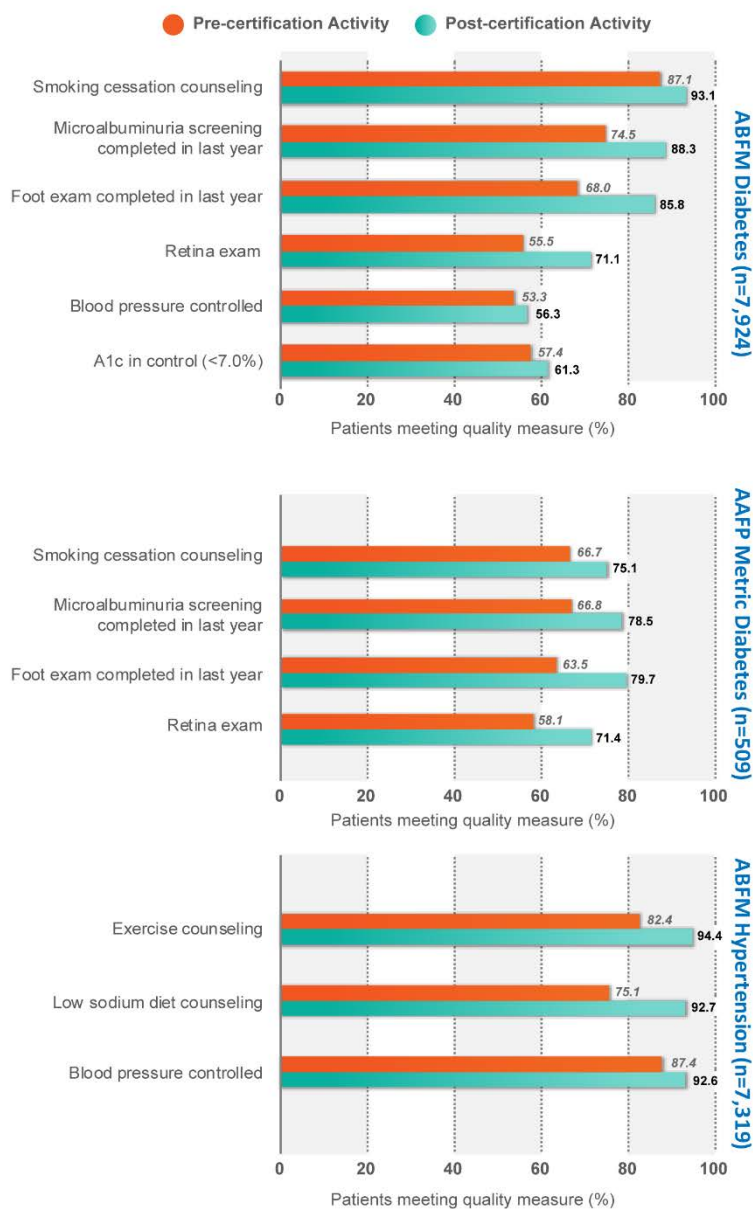


Participation in American Board of Family Medicine Certification is Associated with Improved Patient Care

The Performance Improvement (PI) component of the Continuous Certification process is designed to allow family physicians to measure their quality of care and attempt to improve their care through a quality improvement activity.

The two most frequently completed ABFM produced PI Activities are Diabetes and Hypertension. Evaluation of the patient and physician reported quality measures for both of these activities showed improvements in quality of care.^{1,2}

Family Physicians can also obtain PI credit through the activities run by their organization or through other organizations. An evaluation of family physicians who obtained PI credit through the AAFP's Diabetes METRIC module showed improvements in quality of care and in practice organization needed to provide high quality care.³



***All comparisons were statistically significant.**

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