

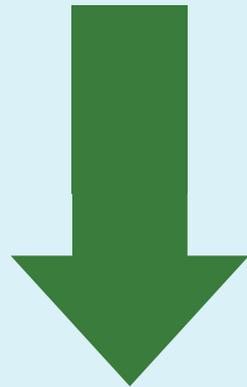


Certification is Associated with

# BETTER PATIENT CARE

PHYSICIANS INITIALLY CERTIFIED HAVE A

**16%**  
**DECREASE**



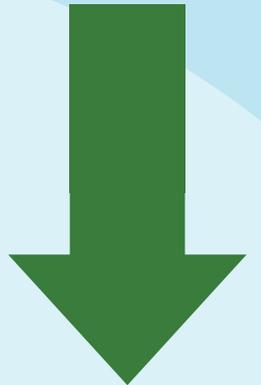
IN HEART PATIENT MORTALITY RATE

*Initially certified physicians see a decrease in in-hospital mortality rates for heart attack and heart failure patients compared to those cared for by non-certified physicians.<sup>1</sup>*



PHYSICIANS WHO MAINTAIN THEIR CERTIFICATION HAVE A

**19%**  
**DECREASE**



IN HEART PATIENT MORTALITY RATE

*Physicians maintaining certification see a bigger decrease than those not certified.<sup>1</sup>*

<sup>1</sup>. Norcini JJ, Weng W, Boulet J, McDonald F, Lipner RS. Associations between initial American Board of Internal Medicine certification and maintenance of certification status of attending physicians and in-hospital mortality of patients with acute myocardial infarction or congestive heart failure: a retrospective cohort study of hospitalisations in Pennsylvania, USA. *BMJ Open*. 2022;12(4):e055558.