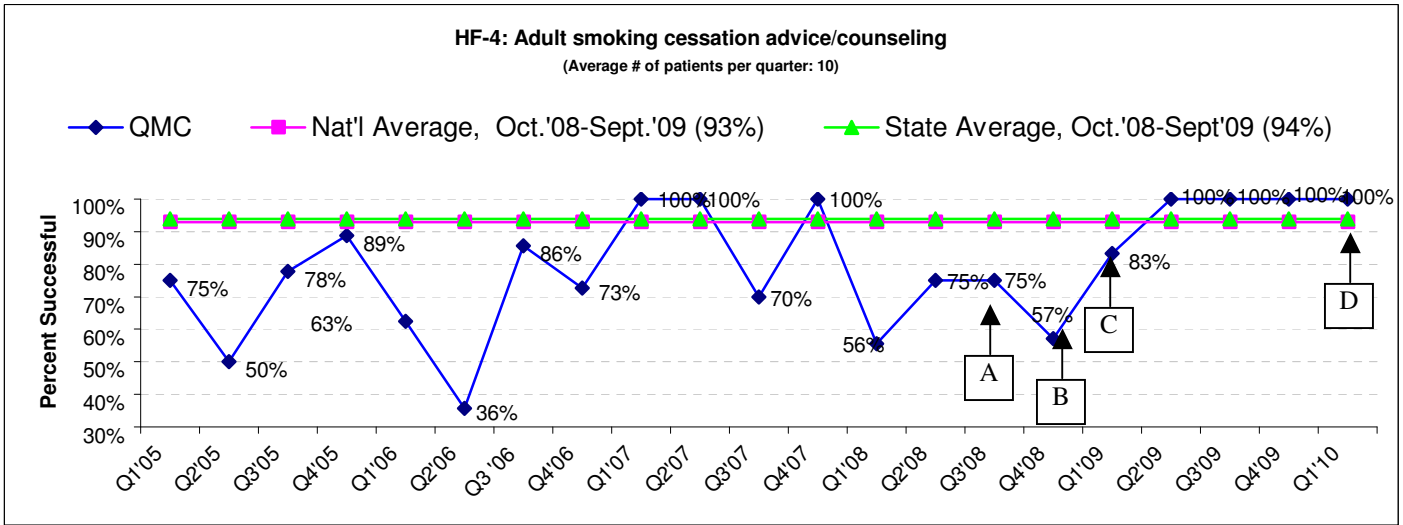


**Core Measure Trend Watch:
Heart Failure-4 (HF-4)**



HF-4 description (from National Quality Forum):

Heart failure patients with a history of smoking cigarettes, who are given smoking cessation advice or counseling during hospital stay. For purposes of this measure, a smoker is defined as someone who has smoked cigarettes anytime during the year prior to hospital arrival.

QMC's initiatives to improve performance		Status
A	Introduced heart failure patient education packet	Implemented
B	Smoking advice/counseling added to Nursing Assessment	Implemented
C	Smoking advice/counseling in Nursing Assessment made mandatory	Implemented
D	"Hard-code" instructions into Patient Care Referral Form – Physicians Orders (Page One) -- additional orders added under Other Orders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smoking cessation advice/counseling for patients that have smoked anytime during the prior year. QUITWORKS 1-800-879-8678 (English); 1-800-833-5256 (Spanish). 	Implemented