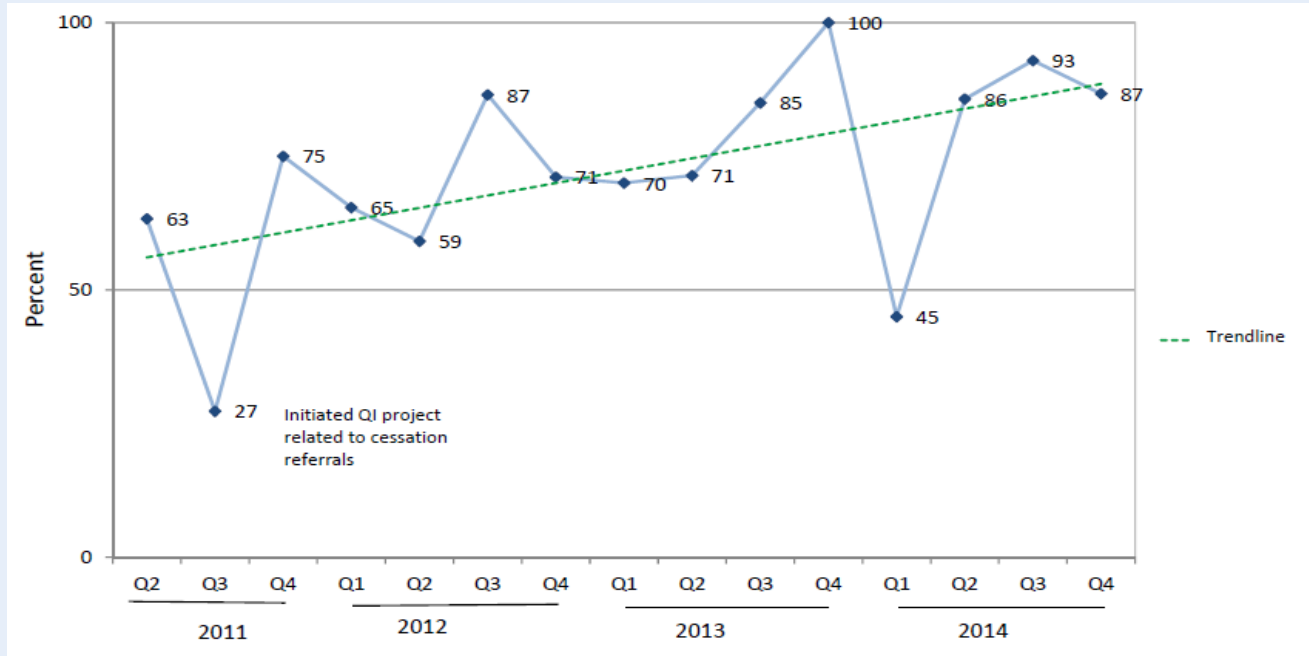


Percentage of adults aged  $\geq 18$  years attending cardiac rehabilitation in participating Outcomes facilities who received QuitLine or smoking cessation referrals, April 2011 – December 2014.



- Smoking is a strong risk factor for the development and progression of cardiovascular disease.
- Cardiac rehab focuses on strategies to reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease progression.
- In 2011, the Montana Cardiovascular Health Program partnered with the Montana Tobacco Use Prevention Program to focus on improving smoking cessation referral rates for patients entering cardiac rehab who were identified as smokers.
- Smoking cessation referrals have improved steadily since 2011.
- Continued vigilance and provider feedback are important in keeping cessation referrals a priority.

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