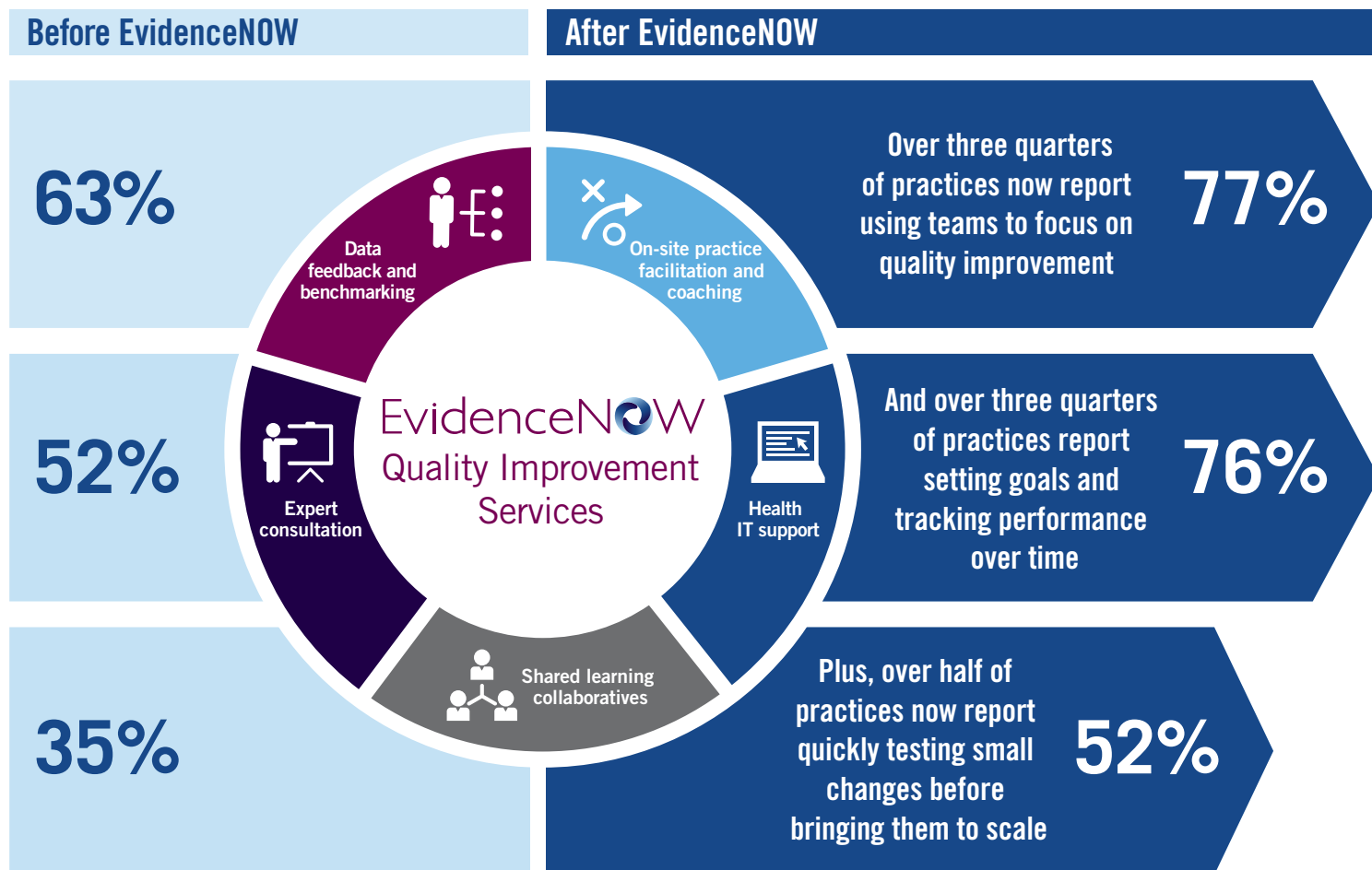


AHRQ's EvidenceNOW Results: Increased Capacity for Quality Improvement in Small Primary Care Practices

One of the main goals of EvidenceNOW is increasing the **capacity** of primary care practices to implement evidence into practice. We define capacity as the attitudes, skills, structures, and processes that enable a primary care practice to improve systematically. For example, practices with capacity for quality improvement are eager to learn from mistakes, create and train high-functioning teams, and integrate improvements into their work.

Early results among EvidenceNOW practices show substantial increases in their capacity to implement new evidence and quality improvement strategies.



EvidenceNOW is providing customized support to primary care practices to help them improve the delivery of the ABCS of heart health and increase their capacity for quality improvement. Local and national evaluations are exploring the extent to which EvidenceNOW has been able to achieve both goals.

For more information about EvidenceNOW, visit: www.ahrq.gov/EvidenceNOW

Baseline numbers and early results illustrated in this graphic are based on preliminary data from 800 participating EvidenceNOW practices. These preliminary data are provided for illustrative purposes and are subject to change based on final data analyses. Data courtesy of ESCALATES, the EvidenceNOW independent national evaluator under AHRQ grant number R01HS023940-01. For more information about the national evaluation, visit: www.escalates.org

