

RESULTS

Frequency Evaluators Described Each Key Factor	Not Board Certified %	Board Certified %	Total %	P Value
1. Stated charges	81.5	81.7	80.9	.972
2. Collateral data / defense attorney	91.1	95.8	91.8	.192
- Medical / psych / educational	68.8	78.9	70.9	.095
- Police reports	67.5	77.9	68.0	.101
- Contacted defense attorney	33.9	60.6	39.2	<.001

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3. Mental status exam / behave obs.	70.9	93.0	74.0	<.001
4. Structured assessments	25.3	63.4	33.8	<.001
- Feigning	11.6	40.8	17.0	<.001
- Competence	23.7	45.1	28.9	<.001
5. Considered feigning	27.7	56.3	33.0	<.001

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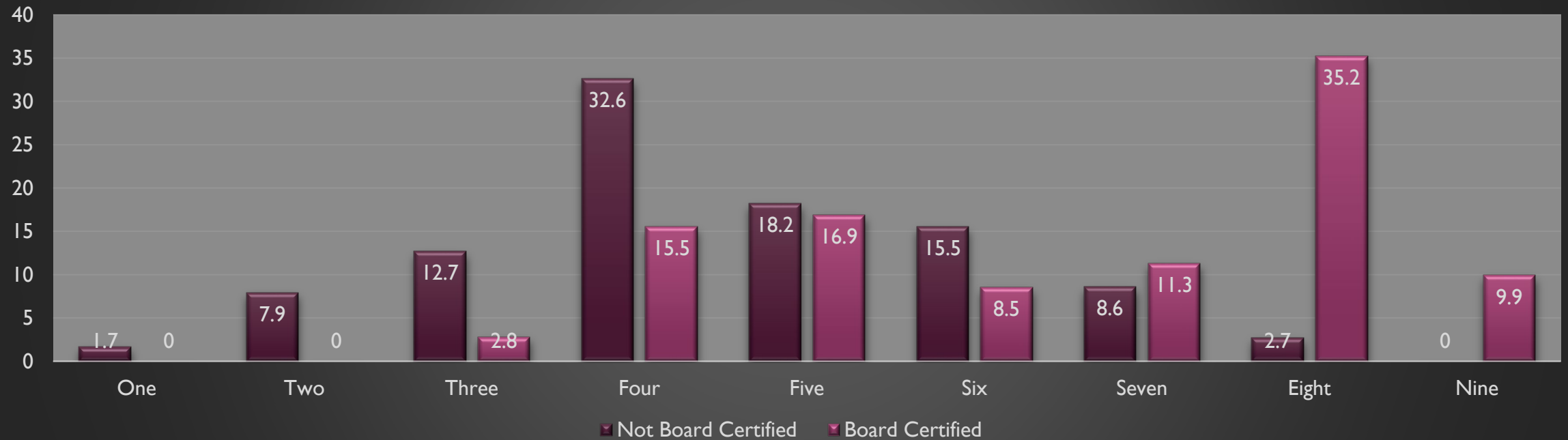
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6. DSM diagnosis	33.2	85.9	41.2	<.001
- Justified with symptoms	3.4	40.8	10.1	<.001
7. CST Impairment / opinion	97.6	100	98.2	.188
- Understanding	75.7	93.0	79.6	.001
- Assist counsel	88.7	97.2	90.2	.030

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- Opinion Overall	59.2	71.8	62.9	.050
8. Link mental & CST impairment	14.7	31.0	17.0	.001
9. CA §:	73.3	87.3	76.0	.013
- Are meds appropriate?				
- Will meds restore competency?	59.6	71.8	62.4	.057
- Capacity to consent to meds?	54.1	78.9	59.3	<.001

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Percent with Number of Key Factors by Board Certification



DISCUSSION



- Current research shows poor quality CST reports.
 1. Lacked thoroughness.
 2. Lacked DSM diagnosis.
 3. Failed to link mental disorder with competency deficits.

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- A few lacked competency opinion or related abilities.
- Over 50% did not provide DSM diagnosis.
- Most lacked a DSM diagnosis justification.
- Less than 20% linked mental disorder with CST impairments.
- Minimal use of structured assessments.

DISCUSSION

- Training is critical for improving the quality of CST reports:
 - ↑ Thoroughness.
 - ↑ Adherence to professional standards and guidelines.
 - ↑ Use scientific methods (structured assessments).