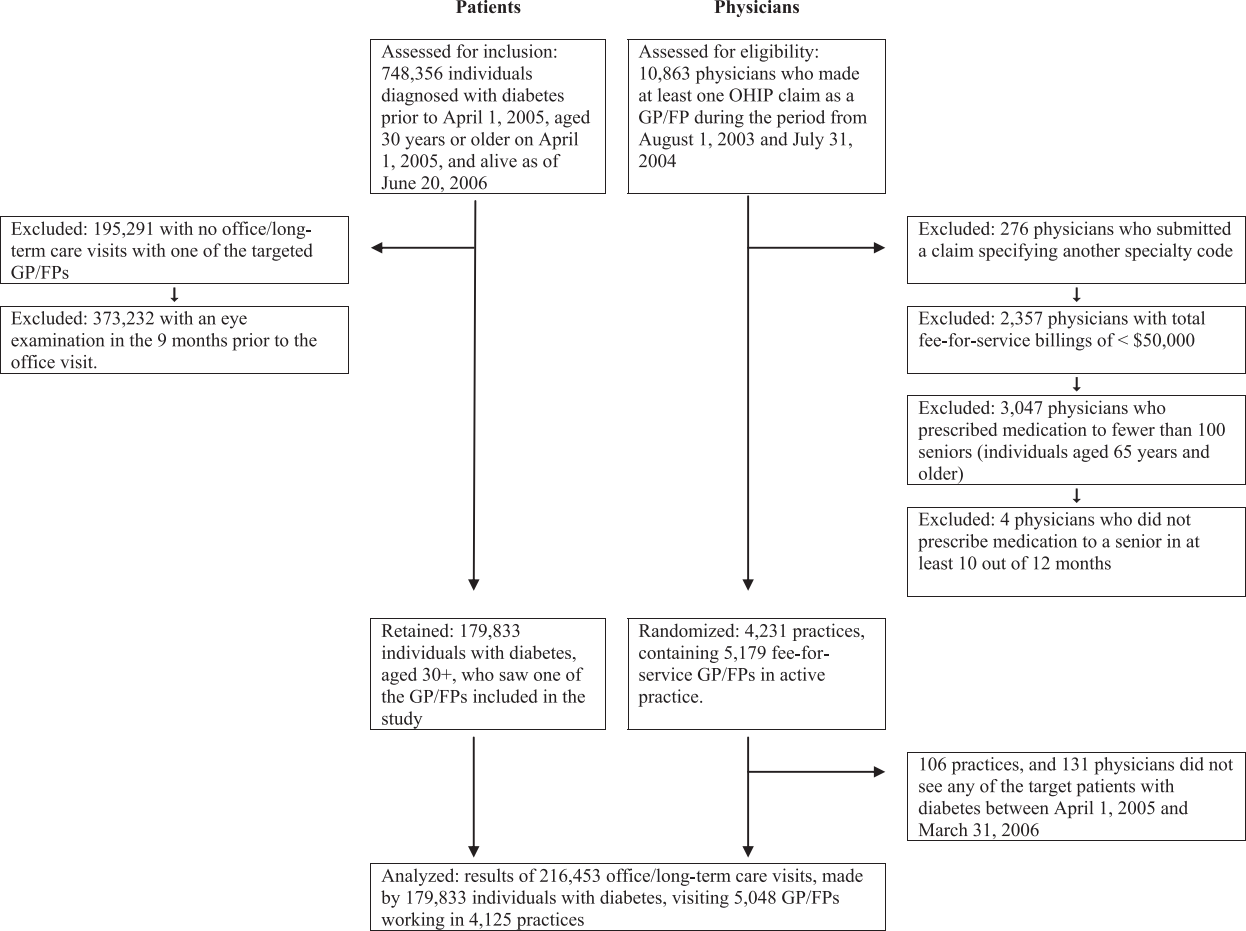
Patients
Physicians
Assessed for inclusion: 748,356 individuals diagnosed with diabetes prior to April 1, 2005, aged 30 years or older on April 1, 2005, and alive as of June 20, 2006
Assessed for eligibility: 10,863 physicians who made at least one OHIP claim as a GP/FP during the period from August 1, 2003 and July 31, 2004
Excluded: 195,291 with no office/long-term care visits with one of the targeted GP/FPs
Excluded: 373,232 with an eye examination in the 9 months prior to the office visit.
Excluded: 276 physicians who submitted a claim specifying another specialty code
Excluded: 2,357 physicians with total fee-for-service billings of < $50,000
Excluded: 3,047 physicians who prescribed medication to fewer than 100 seniors (individuals aged 65 years and older)
Excluded: 4 physicians who did not prescribe medication to a senior in at least 10 out of 12 months
Retained: 179,833 individuals with diabetes, aged 30+, who saw one of the GP/FPs included in the study
Randomized: 4,231 practices, containing 5,179 fee-for-service GP/FPs in active practice.
106 practices, and 131 physicians did not see any of the target patients with diabetes between April 1, 2005 and March 31, 2006
Analyzed: results of 216,453 office/long-term care visits, made by 179,833 individuals with diabetes, visiting 5,048 GP/FPs working in 4,125 practices