

Comprehensive Driving Program

This specialized outpatient rehabilitation program assesses a patient's physical, visual/perceptual and cognitive abilities that are needed for safe driving following an illness or injury.

ILLNESS OR INJURIES THAT CAN CAUSE DRIVING IMPAIRMENT:

- Stroke
- Traumatic brain injury
- Spinal cord injury
- Amputations
- Orthopedic injuries
- Dementia/Alzheimer's Disease
- Parkinson's Disease
- Other chronic health issues

EVALUATION:

- The driving evaluation may require two or more appointments
- The first appointment is for an in-clinic evaluation. Additional appointments, when appropriate, are for an on-road assessment and training (if needed)
- The clinical evaluation is performed by an occupational therapist and the on-road evaluation is by a certified driver rehabilitation specialist; Recommendations are made after all assessments are completed

EDUCATION AND TRAINING:

- Recommended to assist patients dealing with medical issues to become independent drivers
- Training is directed toward correcting bad habits, vehicle consultation for client's use or learning to use adaptive equipment for driving (if needed)

PARTICIPATION:

- A medical provider's referral for OT (occupational therapy) evaluation/driver's training is required
- The patient must be seizure-free or free of lapses of consciousness due to epilepsy, cardiac syncope, diabetes or other conditions for a minimum of six months based on requirements of licensing by the State of Tennessee Department of Safety or, if the patient has a driver's license issued outside of Tennessee, the requirements of the Department of Motor Vehicles in the state where the patient is licensed
- The program is not covered by insurance
- Cost estimations can be provided but not guaranteed, as the cost will vary based on each patient's needs

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