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What to Expect – Your Driving Evaluation Appointment

- The clinical evaluation lasts approximately 2 hours. No studying is required to perform this evaluation. We will evaluate your physical, vision, and cognitive/thinking skills by performing different tests.
- You will register in the lobby of Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center the day of your appointment. We request you arrive 30 minutes prior to your first appointment to complete your registration. Once completed, you will be brought to the Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialist to start the evaluation (3rd Floor of the main hospital).
- Your family/friends are welcome to stay with you during the evaluation but they are also welcome to stay in our lobby area while testing occurs. If they become a distraction to you during testing, we will request that they leave the room until testing is completed.
- Upon completion of the evaluation, the Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialist will review the results of the clinical evaluation with client and family to discuss next steps in the process. The following three options are the typical outcome of the clinical evaluation:
 - Continue to the on road session (**95% of clients perform at least one road session**)
 - Referral to outpatient therapy (Physical, Occupational, Speech), behavioral health, Optometrist/Ophthalmologist, Audiologist, and etc. to work on deficits demonstrated during session and return to our program for brief reassessment and continue to road session. Referral to another driving may be given if our program cannot meet the needs of the client.
 - Recommendation of No Driving – We may request you return to our program in a few weeks for reassessment or we may contact the DMV office in the state you are licensed in.
- The on-road session typically will be performed on a different day than your clinical evaluation and lasts approximately 1 hour. Clients will drive one of our program vehicles equipped with safety controls. Session may be held in Knoxville near the hospital but we also travel to where you live for the session. Additional road sessions are typically required to introduce recommended adaptive equipment for safe driving, train on deficits observed in initial road session, or to observe driving from your home to locations frequented regularly. The additional road sessions may be performed in your personal vehicle based on performance during previous sessions held.
- Final recommendations provided to client/family. Report faxed to referring medical provider.