# **RESOURCES**

# **HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS**

- Clinician's Guide to Assessing and Counseling Older Drivers bit.ly/CG-4th
- TREDS Online Tutorial: Screening and Management of Age and Medically Related Driving Impairments tredsIms.ucsd.edu
- Physician Mandated Reporting of Drivers in California bit.ly/phys-reporting
- American Occupational Therapy Association Driving Program Locator: Locate occupational therapists who are trained in driving assessment and evaluation bit.ly/AOTA-DS
- Association of Driver Rehabilitation Specialists: Offers driver rehabilitation education aded.net

# **PATIENTS AND FAMILIES**

- AAA Mature driver improvement courses and evaluation tools bit.ly/AAA-Seniors
- AARP Mature driver safety courses <u>aarp.org/drive</u>
- California Department of Aging: Links to counties for services and transportation programs aging.ca.gov or (800) 510-2020
- ChORUS Clearinghouse for Older Road User Safety:
   A centralized source of information pertaining to highway safety for aging drivers bit.ly/Chorus-Seniors
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: Comprehensive information on driver safety issues nhtsa.gov
- The Hartford: A guide for family conversations about driving.

English: <a href="mailto:bit.ly/Hartford-Guide">bit.ly/Hartford-Guide</a>
Spanish: <a href="mailto:bit.ly/Hartford-Sp">bit.ly/Hartford-Sp</a>







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# SCREENING & MANAGEMENT OF AGE AND MEDICALLY RELATED DRIVING IMPAIRMENTS

# **WHY SCREEN**

- Most older drivers will outlive their driving ability by about seven years
- Adults over 75 years have crash rates comparable to teenagers
- As one ages, the risk of injury or death from the same impact crash increases
- Older adults and their families depend on health care providers to assist with the transition into driving retirement

#### WHEN TO SCREEN

- Baseline ≥ 65 years or as medically indicated
- Patient or family has concerns about driving
- Recent change in health (e.g. MI, CVA, cancer)
- Medical conditions affecting cognition, frailty, vision, seizures, or LOC
- Polypharmacy

# **HOW TO REPORT**

- Administer tests recommended by the American Geriatrics Society (see inside)
- Obtain history of dementia and LOC (seizures, arrhythmias, hypoglycemia, etc.) in the last 6 months

#### WHEN TO REPORT

- Title 17, CA Code of Regulations: Section 2810 requires physicians to report conditions that cause lapses of consciousness, seizures, or diseases related to Alzheimer's (and other dementias)
- Disorders characterized by lapses of consciousness refer to conditions that involve: marked reduction of alertness or responsiveness to external stimuli; inability to perform one or more activities of daily living; impaired sensory or motor functions used to operate a motor vehicle

### **HOW TO REPORT**

- Confidentiality and Morbidity Report (CMR 110c) <u>bit.ly/110c</u>
- Request for Driver Reexamination (DS 699) <u>bit.ly/DS-699</u>
- Driver Medical Evaluation (DS 326) bit.ly/DS-326

Reporting a patient does not necessarily mean that they will lose their driving privilege. The goal is to preserve driving for as long as it is safe. The DMV can monitor at-risk drivers and impose licensing restrictions to prolong driving.

# SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT TESTS AND INTERPRETATIONS ADAPTED FROM: CLINICIAN'S GUIDE TO ASSESSING AND COUNSELING OLDER DRIVERS, 4th EDITION

| Test | Assessment                                    | Description   | Criteria<br>for Passing                           | Criteria<br>for Failing  | Criteria for<br>Incomplete*   |
|------|---|---|---|--|---|
|      | VISION:                                       | Conduct tests 1 and 2   |   |  |   |
| 1    | VISUAL<br>ACUITY                              | Measured using Snellen eye chart. Scored by numerical visual acuity value.  | ≤ 20/70 in both eyes, corrected                   | > 20/70 in both eyes, corrected                                  | Missing corrective lenses   |
| 2    | VISUAL<br>FIELDS                              | Measured using confrontation testing at 3 feet distance.  Scored as pass/fail by comparison to normal limits.   | Within normal limits                              | Not within normal limits   | Missing corrective lenses   |
|      | STRENGTH:                                     | Conduct test 1 and at least one other (2 or 3)  |   |  |   |
| 1    | RANGE OF<br>MOTION "ROM"                      | Measured by neck rotation, finger curl,<br>shoulder and elbow flexion, ankle dorsiflexion<br>and plantar flexion.<br>Scored as pass/fail based on normal limits.  | Within normal<br>limits for all tests             | Not within normal limits for one or more tests                   | Temporary reason for failure (e.g. IV, recent ortho injury/surgery) |
| 2    | RAPID<br>PACE WALK                            | Measured by time taken to walk 10 feet and back. Scored by time in seconds.   | ≤ 9 seconds                                       | > 9 seconds  | Temporary immobility<br>(e.g. recent injury or<br>surgery)          |
| 3    | GET UP<br>AND GO                              | Measured by ability to stand from seated position, walk 10 feet and back, and sit down again without falling.  Scored by scale of 1-5.  | Score of ≤ 2<br>Normal or near<br>normal movement | Score of > 2<br>Slowness,<br>staggering,<br>abnormal<br>movement | Temporary immobility<br>(e.g. recent injury or<br>surgery)          |
|      | COGNITION:                                    | Conduct tests 1 and 2 OR tests 1, 3 and 4   | - based on clinical                               | judgement  |   |
| 1    | MAZE<br>TEST                                  | Measured by time taken to complete a standard maze. Includes a practice test.  Scored by time in seconds and number of errors.  | ≤ 60 seconds, with 0-1 errors                     | > 60 secs, w/ or<br>w/out errors<br>< 60 secs, w/ 2+<br>errors   | Missing corrective lenses, inability to write (e.g. tremor)         |
| 2    | MONTREAL<br>COGNITIVE<br>ASSESSMENT<br>MoCA** | Ten-minute test measured by performance on 11 components. Multiple languages available.  Scored on scale of 1-30. Add 1 point if patient has less than 12 years of formal education.  | Score of ≥ 26                                     | Score of < 26  | Missing corrective lenses, inability to write (e.g. tremor)         |
| 3    | TRAIL<br>MAKING B**                           | The participant is asked to connect, in alternating order, encircled letters (A-L) and numbers (1-13). Errors are pointed out while the test is being completed.  Scored by time required to complete.  | ≤ 180 seconds                                     | > 180 seconds  | Missing corrective<br>lenses, inability to<br>write (e.g. tremor)   |
| 4    | CLOCK<br>DRAWING**                            | Measured by asking participant to draw the face of a clock with the time set at "ten minutes after eleven."  Scored by: shape of clock, correct amount of numbers accurately located and spaced, only two hands with one hand pointing to the 2 and the absence of intrusive marks. | All criteria met                                  | Failure to meet<br>any criteria                                  | Missing corrective<br>lenses, inability to<br>write (e.g. tremor)   |

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