

Driver Evaluation and Rehabilitation Program

What to Expect

Your Appointment

The first appointment will take two hours. This is an in-clinic formal assessment of the basic physical, visual and cognitive skills needed to safely operate a motor vehicle. Skills assessed include reaction speed, range of motion, coordination, strength, balance, visual acuity, visual fields, depth perception, road sign recognition, attention, memory and judgment.

The second appointment may also take two hours and is an in-vehicle assessment with our vehicle. You must have a valid driver license or learner's permit. This assessment begins in a parking lot and on quiet neighborhood streets. Then it progresses to busier city streets and interstate traffic if appropriate. More complex tasks may also be involved such as following written driving directions and/or trying different types of adaptive equipment, when necessary. A family member is asked to be present at the assessment for a review of the recommendations at the end of the session.

After Your Evaluation

At the end of your second appointment, recommendations will be made following a review of the evaluation results. A family member or representative should be present during this review. Our occupational therapist will provide your physician, and possibly, the state department of safety with necessary data from your evaluation to determine whether you are a safe driver. The occupational therapist does not make a final determination about your legal status to drive. That decision can only be made by the department of safety of your licensing state.