



Who Should Be Sent to DriveABLE™ for Assessment?

Individuals of all ages whose driving competence is questionable due to a medical condition(s), medication(s), and/or a natural decline affecting mental abilities are appropriate referrals.

All individuals coming for an assessment should be as healthy as possible at the time of the assessment. Any rehabilitation or physical therapy should be completed prior to being assessed. Post surgical patients should wait to be assessed until they have fully recovered from surgery.

Persons with physical disabilities requiring minor vehicle modifications (right or left spinner knob) may be accepted for assessment on an individual case basis. Patients who have physical disabilities that would require vehicle modifications (e.g. left foot accelerator) or retraining can not be assessed by DriveABLE™. This would need to be done by an Occupational Therapist specializing in vehicle adaptations and retraining.

The most common medical conditions that prompt a referral to DriveABLE™ are as follows. All these conditions are associated with increased crash risk and may cause cognitive changes affecting driving ability:

- Stroke
- Dementia
- Head injury
- Cognitive Impairment
- COPD/Respiratory disease
- Cardiovascular disease
- Renal disease
- Parkinson's disease
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Diabetes
- Psychiatric illness, including depression
- Medications with a CNS effect