

## Reason for Assessment



Each physician is required by law to report to the Ministry of Transportation any individual whose driving

skills may be affected as a result of illness or injury. Therefore, the client's driver's licence may be placed under medical suspension. If this occurs, the client will be asked to undergo a driving evaluation from an Ontario Driver Assessment Centre. ~~LifeMark Health Centre is recognized by the Ministry of Transportation as a designated Driver Assessment Centre.~~

Individuals affected by illness, injury, or the aging process, whose driving skills have the potential to be affected, are also encouraged to undergo an evaluation of driving skills. The evaluation is designed to assess each client's ability to safely operate a motor vehicle and provide recommendations as needed.

## Eligibility

Most individuals with disabilities are eligible for an evaluation of their ability to drive. Clients must have a valid driver's licence or the ability to obtain a learner's permit

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temporary  
driver's  
licence or

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## Driving Evaluation and Training Centre

A comprehensive  
driver rehabilitation  
program ~~for individuals~~  
~~with disabilities~~

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HEALTH CENTRE 



**L**ifeMark Health Centre consists of a community-based rehabilitation team committed to providing optimal rehabilitation services in a cost effective manner.

We offer a multi-disciplinary, client-centred program of assessment, treatment and consultation for clients with physical, cognitive and/or perceptual impairments. We are aware each client is unique, therefore each program is tailored according to the individual's needs and personal goals.

The driving assessment and training program is part of our comprehensive rehabilitation services. It is a service which represents our dedication to assist all individuals achieve optimal independence. Driving is an integral skill which is often essential for independence in the community

## **Program Components and Services**

### ***Clinical Evaluation:***

The client is assessed by a certified occupational therapist. The client is initially seen in clinic for an assessment of physical, cognitive, and perceptual functioning as they relate to driving. The in-clinic portion of the assessment provided the therapist with information regarding medical history, driving history, knowledge of road signs and driving rules, physical abilities, cognitive status, visual and perceptual skills.

### ***On the Road Evaluation:***

Following the in-clinic assessment, each client is the assessed in car by the therapist together with a certified driving instructor. The portion of the evaluation provides valuable information regarding the individual's functional driving skills.

### ***Evaluation of Equipment Needs***

During the evaluation, it will be determined whether adaptive equipment will be necessary to improve the client's ability to drive safely. Recommendations will be made for adaptive equipment and instillation.

### ***Training and Follow-up Services:***

Clients are commonly seen following a driving evaluation for training with driving skills or adaptive equipment. Further involvement with the occupational therapist maybe indicated for cognitive or perceptual retraining, mobility aid prescription, vehicle modification, or consultation with appropriate new vehicle purchase.

## **Referral Process**

Referrals maybe made by physicians, therapists, individuals requiring service, insurance companies, case managers, community service agencies, etc. The referral source will be asked to complete a referral form. The client's physician will be contacted and asked to complete a medical referral form stating the client is medically able to participate in the assessment.

Referrals can be made for any individual who requires an evaluation of their driving skills or adaptive equipment needs by contacting us at:

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