

Costs

Most health insurance companies do not cover tests specific to driving, and therefore costs associated with this assessment are generally considered out-of-pocket expenses. Some insurance companies may cover this test under occupational therapy services. Please contact your individual carrier to determine benefits.

To make an appointment

A physician's referral is recommended to take part in the Mercy Driver Assessment Program. After receiving your referral, please call the Mercy Occupational Conditioning Center at (608) 755-7998 to schedule an appointment.

The Mercy Occupational Conditioning Center is located in the Mercy Health Mall.



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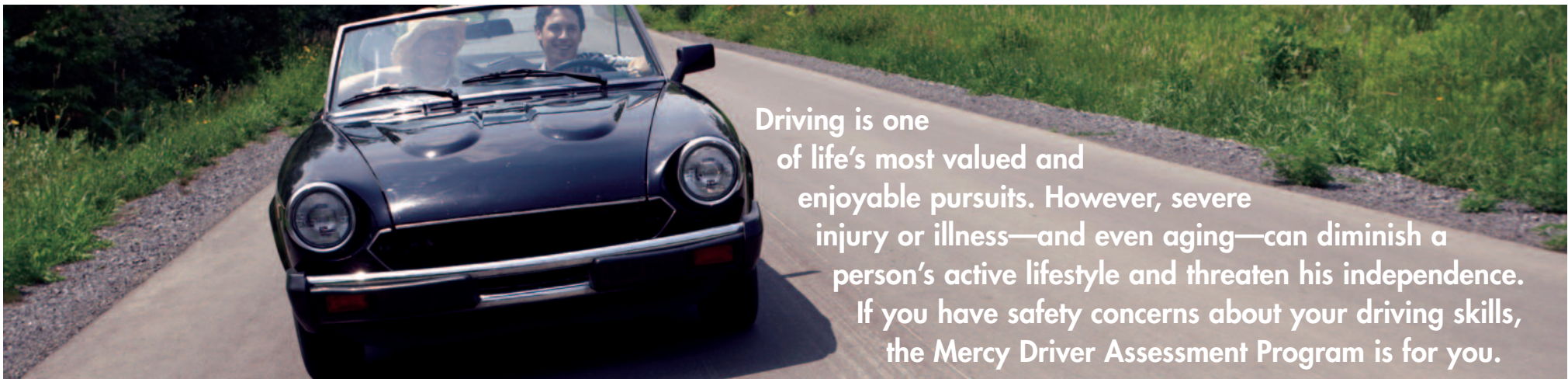
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Mercy Driver Assessment Program

Your key to safe driving

Mercy Occupational Conditioning Center





Driving is one of life's most valued and enjoyable pursuits. However, severe injury or illness—and even aging—can diminish a person's active lifestyle and threaten his independence. If you have safety concerns about your driving skills, the Mercy Driver Assessment Program is for you.

Our services

The Mercy Driver Assessment Program is designed to determine your ability to drive safely, whether you're recovering from illness or injury or are simply concerned about how aging has affected your driving skills. Our program's highly skilled staff offers complete evaluation of:

- Vision and depth perception
- Reaction time
- Driving knowledge
- Cognitive skills
- Your ability to operate a motor vehicle
- Your driving limitations or special needs

By evaluating these various skills, our staff will determine if you can safely return to, or continue, driving. We also make recommendations for any adaptive equipment needed to safely operate your vehicle and provide training to use the equipment skillfully.

Who we serve

Our skilled occupational therapists are trained to work with adults of all ages, with or without medical conditions or disabilities. Appropriate referrals to this program would include:

- Individuals who have experienced a medical change, such as progressing dementia, stroke, head injury or diabetes, and are concerned about how this might affect their driving skills.
- Beginning or experienced drivers who are concerned about their driving abilities.



Our assessment program

The Mercy Driver Assessment Program has two parts designed to test the skills you need to drive safely.

Clinical screening —During the clinical screening, many skills necessary for safe driving are tested. Participants also have a driving-specific vision screening that tests depth perception, visual acuity and road sign recognition.

You will also be tested on cognition, reaction time, movement and coordination necessary for safe operation of a vehicle.

On-road assessment — The second part of our program takes place in a vehicle modified for your needs, if necessary. A staff member will test your ability to safely operate a motor vehicle, and evaluate your limitations and special needs. The staff member will consider your abilities during daytime and nighttime driving, driving at low and high speeds, and during a variety of traffic conditions.

Results of all your tests will be compiled and sent to your physician. Together, you and your physician will arrange a plan to return to safe driving, or begin driving instruction.