

# Certified Older Driver Evaluations



## Physician Conversations with Older Drivers

*Knowing when to write the Order...*

*This referral may avoid unnecessary conflict when the doctor, family members, and older driver have differing opinions.*

# PARTNERSHIP FORMED TO HELP SOLVE THE AT-RISK OLDER DRIVER PROBLEM

Over the last 5 years, CODE (Certified Older Driver Evaluations) Director Al Barber has been working to solve the at-risk older driver problem. After much research and development, CODE and CCDE (Certified Comprehensive Driver Evaluations) were launched and Barber partnered with St. Francis Human Performance and Rehabilitation Center (HPRC) President Patrick Graham to bring to the Columbus and surrounding area a program they believe will change the way we deal with the risk associated with aging and driving. There have been many stakeholders who also have participated in the development of the CODE program, GOHS Older Driver Task Force, physicians, neurologists, judges, lawyers, caregivers, adult family members of older drivers, and older drivers.



## DRIVERS' RISK GO UP WITH AGE

Driving provides older people freedom, independence, and key social interactions with their community that many people take for granted in their youth. While driving is a privilege, and not a right, it is based on one's ability to effectively and safely operate a motor vehicle. According to Merck, "Drivers aged 70 and over have an increased motor vehicle crash risk per miles driven in comparison to middle-aged drivers. Those that drive infrequently are at the greatest risk. Thus, impaired function due to age-related disorders should be viewed as a flashing yellow traffic signal- a warning that driving privileges should be reassessed."

**MANAGING PARTNER**  
*Barber's Driving School*



**ASSOCIATE PARTNER**  
*St. Francis Rehabilitation at Main Street*



# CODE-CCDE BENEFITS TO THE PHYSICIAN

This program takes medical personnel out of the middle of family disagreements concerning your patient's ability to drive safely. It also ensures your patient has had the benefit of not only a clinical opinion but also a behind-the-wheel evaluation. Older drivers will most often not accept orders not to drive when the person making such an order has never been in the vehicle with them while they are driving. In fact, some older drivers do poorly in a clinical evaluation, but do great in a driving evaluation. This is why a holistic approach is needed in assessing drivers who may be at a high risk for collision.



- Access to web-based, HIPPA-compliant, Sparrow software provided at no charge.
- Free Sparrow software training for office personnel that will be processing the referral.
- Less than 5 minute processing time to make an online referral and write the order (both paper and electronic).
- Physicians can trust and rely on the professional CODE and CCDE Final Report.
- Physicians can easily access electronic Progress Reports and the Final CODE and CCDE Report.

## 3 Easy Steps to Get Started

**1**

*Register by phone at (706) 561-2509 to start your free Sparrow account and become a stakeholder referral partner.*

**2**

*Complete a 30-minute Zoom Sparrow software training course, and receive a \$50 gift card for the time (limit one per facility).*

**3**

*Begin referring patients in Sparrow software, and receive the comprehensive CODE-CCDE Report.*

*The driver evaluation costs \$250.00-\$295.00 out of pocket.  
The driver evaluation will be completed in one-hour increments over a 3-day period, totaling three hours of evaluation time.*



**Call to register today!**

**706-561-2509**





# CODE-CCDE DRIVER EVALUATION PROGRAMS

Driving is not just about getting from one place to another; often, it is how we conduct our lives. Losing or being limited in one's driving ability not only impacts our transportation, but impacts one's freedom and independence.

## *Drivers of any age experiencing any of the following:*

- A medical condition that could affect your driving abilities.
- A change in your vision.
- Concerns about medications you are taking and their effect on driver safety.
- A recent move into a new city.
- Have recently become the primary driver in the family.
- Family, friends, doctors, police or others have expressed concerns about driving.
- A recent gap of time without driving.
- A diagnosis of dementia or Alzheimer's Disease.
- Mental or physical decline due to age.
- A lack of confidence in driving ability.
- Recent involvement in an auto or other accident that could impact one's driving.

### CCDE - Certified Comprehensive Driver Evaluation *For Drivers 65 and under*



#### Driver Evaluation Certification

This is to certify that

Ima Georgia Sample

Has Successfully passed a driver evaluation

Driver Evaluation Issue & Expiration Date:

Issue Date: Mar xx, 20xx  
Expiration Date

Driver Evaluator:

Al Barber

Ima Georgia Sample      Mar xx, 20xx

This certification was explained to me by my evaluator and I agree to all the restrictions and conditions listed above.

*Certificate of Completion*

### CODE - Certified Older Driver Evaluation *For Drivers 65 and older*



#### Certified Older Driver Evaluation Report

Date of Evaluation Completion: May 25, 2021

Client's Name:

**Ima Georgia Sample**

Clinical Evaluation: n/a  
Time: n/a  
Location: n/a

Evaluators:  
Clinical: Al Barber  
Functional: Al Barber

Clinical Evaluation:

Functional Driving Evaluation: **Pass 98 A+**

**Final Score: 98 A+**

*Final Report Pass/Fail*



# CODE-CCDE FULL EVALUATION PROCESS



- ▶ **Step One: Create the Client Portal in Sparrow**
  - Walk-in clients are accepted, phone calls, a website inquiry or enrollment, or a stakeholder referral.
  - Set appointment.
  - Collect fees or billing info.
  - Create Client Portal in Sparrow.
  
- ▶ **Step Two: Email the Health Questionnaires**
  - Questionnaires to be completed by the client driver are in the areas of: personal assessment, general information, legal driving record history, mental and physical health status, and behavioral health. Family, friends, and caregivers can assist with these questionnaires, but if no one is available for support, call 706-561-2509 for assistance.
  - Questionnaires to be completed by family, friends, and caregivers.
  
- ▶ **Step Three: Clinical Evaluation**
  - Hospital Outpatient Rehab Center.
  - Cognitive, visual and physical activity assessments.
  - Medication review.
  - Refer out for another professional test like to the ophthalmologist, if necessary.
  - Enter Assessment results into Sparrow.
  
- ▶ **Step Four: Functional Evaluation-Behind-The-Wheel**
  - Conducted by a State Certified Driving Instructor/Third Party Exam Road Test.
  
- ▶ **Step Five: Generate Final Evaluation Report in Sparrow**
  - Computer generated CODE-CCDE Final Report.
  - Sparrow will pull all reports together for a comprehensive final report.
  
- ▶ **Step Six: Deliver CODE-CCDE Final Report and Certificate**
  - Associate Partners and Stakeholders that ordered the evaluation will receive the final report.
  - Release of information required to release any info to any party other than the client taking the driver evaluation.
  
- ▶ **Step Seven: If Failed (*Driver Cessation*)**
  - Share other sources of transportation in the area.
  - Possible referral to grief counselor.



# CODE-CCDE A 3 TIER SYSTEM



## Tier-1

### *No Adaptive Equipment*

These assessments focus on the ability to safely continue or resume driving without the need for adaptive equipment to operate a vehicle. (Fitness to Drive)



## Tier-2

### *Low-tech Equipment*

### *No significant Cognitive Deficits*

These assessments focus on the ability to drive utilizing low tech driving equipment to compensate for physical deficits. The client may use a wheelchair or scooter but should be able to independently transfer to a sedan. At least two extremities should have normal function. Providers should have a range of hand controls and steering devices.



## Tier-3

### *Medium/High-tech Equipment, Complex Disabilities, may include Cognitive/Perceptual Deficits in addition to Physical Disabilities*

These assessments focus on the client with more complex physical deficits. They may include clients who need to utilize a wheelchair accessible vehicle as well as modifications to the primary and secondary controls. The client may or may not be able to transfer. More than two limbs may have deficits.



# **MOST COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS BY CLIENTS**

## **Who will see the written results of the Evaluation?**

The driver being evaluated has primary access to the evaluation outcome as well as persons or entities that are driver-authorized. Drivers often request that copies be sent to physicians, adult children, state DMV's, insurance companies, judges and occasionally others.

## **If I don't pass my evaluation, will I lose my Driver's license?**

We do not make referrals to the Georgia Department of Drivers Services or the Alabama Department of Motor Vehicles for one's license to be suspended, canceled, or revoked unless mandated.

## **Who administers the Evaluation?**

The Evaluation is three parts performed by state-certified personnel.

- The Health Questionnaires can be completed in the comfort of the driver's home. There are seven comprehensive health questionnaires in potential areas of concern - legal, mental and physical health, behavioral health, and family, friends and caregivers' questionnaires.
- The Clinical Evaluation is performed by an Associate Partner who is a licensed Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist, or by others who have been trained to administer such tests. Typically, this will be an established hospital with an outpatient Physical/Occupational therapy service.
- The Functional behind-the-wheel evaluation is performed by a certified driving instructor from one of Barber's Driving Schools. The instructors are experienced, friendly, patient, and highly supportive.

## **Whose vehicle will be used for the Evaluation?**

All evaluations are given in the managing partner's vehicle, such as a vehicle from Barber's Driving School.

## **How often do I need to take the Evaluation?**

Older drivers should take the evaluation every 6 months if they have a diagnosis of dementia, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, muscular degeneration, and other degenerative conditions. An evaluation may be necessary in less than 6 months, given situational changes in the driver's life.

## **When will the Evaluation be conducted?**

We administer evaluations 5 days a week from 9 am till 5 pm. All evaluations are given by appointment only. Call 706-561-2509 for available dates and times.

## **Where will the Evaluation be given?**

- The online Health Questionnaires can be completed at home.
- The Clinical Evaluation is performed by a certified occupational therapist during an outpatient visit conducted at St. Francis Rehabilitation at Main Street.
- The Functional Behind-the-Wheel Evaluation will be conducted at the local state-certified driving school. The road portion will be conducted on a certified road test route.

## **How much does the Evaluation Cost?**

The driver evaluation costs **\$250.00-\$295.00** out of pocket.

The driver evaluation will be completed in one-hour increments over a 3-day period, totaling three hours of evaluation time.





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