

# Evaluating older drivers with cognitive problems

**3%** of patients were rated as able to drive independently with no restrictions

**38%** of patients were advised to retire from driving

Based on occupational therapy evaluations of 151 older drivers (average age 77.6) at a VA medical center. Patients were referred from cognitive disorder clinics. The researchers concluded that "most patients are evaluated for driving concerns far too late."

Source: "The Older Driver with Cognitive Impairment: Perceptions of Driving Ability and Results of a Behind the Wheel Test," *Geriatrics* 2016  
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