

The **driveABILITY** program is the only program between Minneapolis and Fargo to provide comprehensive driver evaluations in their entirety by licensed occupational therapists. Our therapists have specialized training in the field of driver rehabilitation and are licensed driving instructors. The therapists also have vast knowledge of all types of disabilities and illnesses and how they relate to operating a motor vehicle.

We offer services for:

- Experienced drivers who have experienced an illness or injury
- Older drivers who want to make sure they are still able to drive safely
- New drivers (with permit) that may not be able to succeed with traditional driver training



Funding and other information:

Driver evaluations and on-road training are not typically covered by private insurance companies, including Medicare. We do require payment at the time of service unless prior authorization has been obtained. Prior authorization can sometimes be obtained from Vocational Rehab, Workers Compensation, automobile insurance, etc. Clients do have the option of submitting the claim themselves to their insurance company.

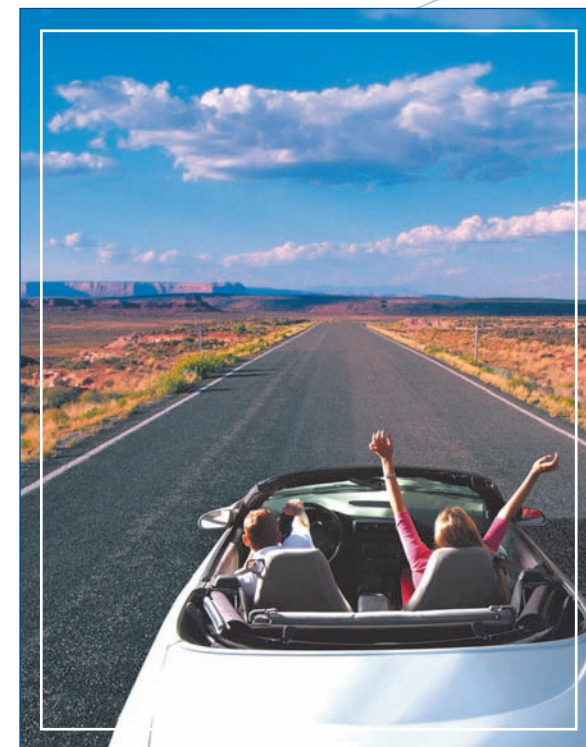
All clients will need to have either a driver's license or instructional permit. They will also need an order from their physician. All reports will be sent to the client's physician. The physician will make the final decision about driving based on the reports and the client's medical history.

To schedule an appointment or for more information, please call **320-762-6079**.



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320-762-6079
320-762-6123 (fax)



The **driveABILITY** program was developed to serve a variety of people including those with disabilities.

Example of diagnoses seen:

- Stroke
- Traumatic brain injury
- Dementia / Alzheimer's disease
- Arthritis
- Multiple sclerosis
- Spinal cord injury (except for quadriplegia)
- Amputation
- Total joint arthroplasty
- Older drivers
- Congenital disabilities
- Cerebral palsy
- Learning disabilities

Visit www.dchospital.com for more information.
Select "Services" and then "**driveABILITY**".

SERVICES OFFERED:

• COMPREHENSIVE DRIVER EVALUATIONS:

The therapist will assess each client's ability to drive safely and make recommendations to keep them safe. They will also be able to determine if a client can continue to drive after a disabling illness with the use of special equipment (e.g. hand controls, left foot gas pedal, special mirrors, etc.).

The evaluation consists of two parts:

- 1) An extensive clinical assessment of motor abilities, vision, perception and cognition.
- 2) An on-road evaluation in our specially equipped car.

Recommendations about driving will be made at the end of the evaluation.

The driver evaluation takes about 3 hours to complete. It is helpful to bring a family member or friend along on the day of testing.

• ON-ROAD TRAINING:

The therapist will provide individualized driver training for clients who need to learn how to use special equipment for operating a vehicle.

Training will also be available for clients who need to practice their driving skills in the safety of our specially equipped vehicle.

The number of on-road training sessions is determined at the initial evaluation based on the client's needs.



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