

Recommendation

At the conclusion of the evaluation/
training sessions, recommendations
will be provided on:

- Level of independence to drive
- Restrictions to follow as needed
- Training to achieve independence
- Referral for adaptive equipment
or vehicle modification
- Road test scheduling
- Instructions for restrictions on
driver's license if needed etc...

**The driver rehab pro-
gram is free to all vet-
erans and qualified non
veterans**

**To participate in this
program, a Physician's
consult is needed to assess if
the patient is medically stable
and appropriate for Driver
training. Once consult
received, veteran is contacted
for scheduling**

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DRIVER REHABILITATION PROGRAM AT THE JAMES J PETERS VA MEDICAL CENTER



**Enhancing Safety and
Independence
in Driving**

Overview

Goal of the Driver Rehab Program is to provide driver training to veterans or qualified non veterans, wishing to resume driving or get a driver's license following injury.

It provides a sense of freedom and independence.

This program address the unique needs of:

1- Individuals who would like to drive after a severe mental and/or physical illness resulting in disability such as SCI, stroke, traumatic brain injury, amputation etc.

2- Re-evaluation of disabled persons and their present skills in controlling a motor vehicle after injury

3- Seniors who want to remain independent and safe while driving with or without additional physical and/or mental comorbidities.

Evaluation

Clinical Assessment

Physical mobility



Stop sign Yield sign No access to cars No overtaking No entry

-Coordination

-Reaction time



No U-turn No left U-turn No left turn No right turn No changing to left lane

-Vision

-Perception



No changing to right lane No right turn nor right U-turn No Left Turn nor U-turn give way to oncoming traffic Closed to trucks

-Problem solving

-Safety aware-



Closed to motorcycles No Tractors Allowed Closed to Tractors closed to bicycles

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Behind the wheel assessment/training

Pt is evaluated BTW on:

- * Hospital grounds
- * Residential traffic
- * Complex traffic
- * Freeway traffic
- * Parallel parking
- * 3 pt turn



Pt receives feedback and instruction on the skills needed to handle vehicle in varied conditions.

Training is also provided in the use of adaptive equipment (hand controls, spinner knob, left foot pedal accelerator etc...) needed to compensate for decrease function

Equipment evaluation also provided especially for veterans in wheelchair to make vehicle accessible.

Other

Grant towards purchasing a vehicle available for service connected veterans with certain service connected conditions.

Grant available for service connected and non service connected veterans with difficulty getting in and out of their vehicle on equipments such as transfer seat, lift, ramp etc...