

**SUBJECT LINE: You're Invited to Attend the Aging & Driving Pop-Up Symposium
May 17-20**

The Georgia Department of Public Health's Injury Prevention Program, the 55+ Driver Safety Program, the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, and the Federal Highway Administration are facilitating a series of free, pop-up presentations via Zoom.

Register for one or more of these sessions by using the links following the session descriptions.

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Please feel free to share this invitation with your colleagues, clients and friends!

**Tuesday May 17: Approaching Alzheimer's: First Responder Training /
Understanding Alzheimer's & Dementia**

Kim Franklin, Program Manager, Alzheimer's Association, Georgia Chapter

(10:00-11:30 a.m.)

Make your first response the right response. The Alzheimer's disease epidemic continues to grow. As a first responder, it's critical to be prepared to face it in your community. People with Alzheimer's or another dementia can unknowingly put themselves and others in dangerous situations. Understanding the disease is key to ensuring you make the right response.

More than 5 million individuals are living with Alzheimer's in the US. In this session, you'll learn about Alzheimer's and dementia, effects on the brain and resources for patients and caregivers. Then you'll learn to apply that knowledge in your work.

When: May 17, 2022 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this webinar:

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Wednesday May 18: Driver Rehabilitation

Matt Abisamra OTR/L, CDRS, Driving Program Supervisor, Assistive Technology Department, and Lakisha Gray, MSOT, OTR/L, CLT, CPAM, CDRS, Shepherd Center

(10:00-11:15 a.m.)

Shepherd Center's driver evaluation consists of a clinical evaluation plus an on-road test, to answer questions like:

- *is this client ready to drive, with or without adaptive equipment?*
- *is this client ready to participate in a training-to-licensure program?*
- *are other interventions necessary to build skills for future driving? (for example, cataract surgery?)*

The program works with diagnoses including spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury, stroke, cognitive impairment, visual deficits, age-related deficits, and amputations; with new drivers who have disabilities such as MS or spina bifida. Shepherd also evaluates drivers seeking to regain their license after revocation; if the client “passes” the test, the doctor completes the DDS form and the client can take the DDS road test.

Come learn about the many options available to drivers who need assistance, and the sometimes surprising world of on-road testing!

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Thursday May 19: Medical Review / Assessing and Counseling Older Drivers

Part One: Georgia’s Medical Review Process

Lotherone Grier, Assistant Manager, Georgia Department of Driver Services, Regulatory Compliance Division/Medical Review Unit

(10:00-10:45 a.m.)

In Georgia, medical professionals, family members and others who are concerned that a driver may be unsafe can refer them for medical review.

This session will introduce the medical review form and process, describe the Georgia Drivers License Advisory Board and its work, explain the different possible outcomes of a medical review, and give audience members the opportunity for questions.

Part Two: Introduction to the Clinician’s Guide to Assessing and Counseling Older Drivers

Elin Schold Davis, OTR/L, CDRS, FAOTA, Practice Engagement & Workforce Capacity Manager, American Occupational Therapy Association

(10:45-11:45 a.m.)

Healthcare providers involved in the care of older adults need office-based tools to screen for medical and functional issues which may affect driving safety, assess impairment and driving risk, intervene to optimize functional ability through treatment, refer appropriately for specialized care and driving rehabilitation, and offer support through resources and counseling for planning transition from driving if necessary. The Clinician’s Guide, published by the American Geriatrics Society in cooperation with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, is designed to offer a wealth of resources to address these needs.

Come learn from a member of the Guide’s editorial board about what the Guide offers and how to use it! The session will include opportunities for questions and discussion.

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Friday May 20: Move More, Fall Less: Mobility As We Age

Elizabeth Head, Deputy Director, Injury Prevention Program, Georgia Department of Public Health

(10:00-11:00 a.m.)

Engage with peers and learn about what happens in the body to make us more likely to fall. Participants will hear from experts about causes of falls and how to create a safer environment for prolonged mobility. Resources will be shared with participants and a group discussion about solutions will round out the session.

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