OT’s Reporting Medical conditions
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• Since 1996 physician’s and optometrist have been required to report drivers with medical conditions to SGI.

• Why add OT’s and NP’s?
  ✓ Move to 5 year driver’s licence
  ✓ Under reporting from physician’s
  ✓ Increasing Aging population
Rising Tide: The Impact of Dementia on Canadian Society (2010)

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<td>18,000 people have dementia</td>
<td>Over 28,000, accounting for 2.3% of population</td>
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<td>Every 24 hrs 10 people will develop dementia</td>
<td>This number will double to 20 people every 24 hrs</td>
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Section 283 of Traffic Safety Act (TSA)

(1) Any **duly qualified medical practitioner** shall report to the administrator the name, address and clinical condition of every person who:

(a) is 15 years of age or older attending on the medical practitioner of medical services; and

(b) in the opinion of the medical practitioner, is suffering from a condition that will make it dangerous for that person to operate a vehicle.

(3) No action shall be brought against a medical practitioner who makes a report in good faith.
OT reporting

DRIVER LICENSING AND SUSPENSION, 2006 Regulation change came into effect May 4, 2012

(3) For the purpose of section 283 of the Act, a “duly qualified medical practitioner” means:

(c) a registered nurse who is entitled, pursuant to The Registered Nurses Act, 1988, to practise in nurse practitioner category; or

(d) a person who is a member in good standing of the Saskatchewan Society of Occupational Therapists pursuant to The Occupational Therapists Act, 1997.
Medical Review Unit (MRU) Goals

• The MRU works to ensure that all Saskatchewan driver’s have the medical fitness and the skills necessary to operate a vehicle safely.

• The unit tries to strike a balance between an individual’s transportation needs and the public’s right to expect a reasonable level of road safety.
MRU’s Responsibilities

- Staffed with six Registered Nurses (Driver Medical Appraisers)
- Administer legislation (Traffic Safety Act)
- Division of the Auto Fund (responsible for licensing driver’s in Saskatchewan)
- We are a SGI safety program
- Use standards set out by Canadian Medical Association (CMA) and the Canadian Council of Motor Transportation Administrators (CCMTA)
How do we find out about driver’s with medical conditions or skill deficits?

1. Driver self reporting

- It is every driver’s responsibility to report a medical condition to SGI. Failure to report, could result in no insurance coverage.

- If necessary, MRU requests a medical to be completed by physician within 60 days. For some medical conditions, no report is required. i.e. diet controlled diabetes.
Reporting

How and when should driver’s self report?

- When driver’s licence is renewal
- At time of incident or when under care, and should report before resuming driving
- Driver completes a Supplementary Medical Application, which can be obtained at a SGI licence issuer, online or by contacting MRU
**Supplementary Medical Application**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Last Name</th>
<th>First Name</th>
<th>Middle Initial</th>
<th>Male/Female</th>
<th>Driving Licence Number</th>
<th>Birth Date</th>
<th>Province</th>
<th>Postal Code</th>
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**Present Class of Licence:**

| Class of drivers licence being applied for (if different than present class): |

**Medical Information**

Give particulars of the health condition(s):

1. [ ]
2. [ ]
3. [ ]

Has this condition been previously reported?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

If yes, has there been any change in that condition?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

If yes, please explain:

1. [ ]
2. [ ]
3. [ ]

**Physician's Name:**

[ ]

**Phone Number:**

[ ]

For the purposes of determining my eligibility to obtain or continue holding a driver's licence, I authorize any physician to release to Saskatchewan Government Insurance, all medical information concerning the above noted health condition(s), including all reports, memoranda, clinical notes, test results, correspondence and any other documentary information relative to my care and treatment.

This authorization shall be in effect for a period of one year from the date of execution and a photocopy of this document shall be treated as an original.

I declare that all information is true and correct and I understand a false declaration could result in loss of insurance coverage.

*Note: You may be required to provide medical reports.*

**Signature of applicant:**

[ ]

**Date:**

[ ]

[ ]
2. Physicians/Optometrists/OT/NP

- are required under 283 of the Traffic Safety Act to report drivers with a medical condition that, in their opinion, will make it unsafe for the individual to drive.
- Information may be kept confidential.
- If it is indicates that the driver has a medical condition and should not be driving, MRU can suspend the driver giving 14 days notice. (the source could not remain confidential in this case)
Medical Reporting Form

Medical Review Unit
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Regina, SK S4P 0J9

Phone: 1-800-687-6015 Ext. 6176
Fax: Toll Free: 1-866-274-4417
e-mail: mminquiries@sgi.sk.ca

Please complete this form and forward to SGI by mail, fax or email - see above.

Section 283 of the Traffic Safety Act requires that any duly qualified medical practitioner shall report to SGI the name, address and clinical condition of every person who, "in the opinion of the medical practitioner, is suffering from a condition that will make a dangerous for that person to operate a vehicle". To simplify the reporting process, SGI has created this form.

**PATIENT INFORMATION:**

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<th>Last Name</th>
<th>First Name</th>
<th>Middle Initial</th>
<th>Date of Birth</th>
<th>Street Number &amp; Name or P.O. Box Number</th>
<th>Town/City</th>
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This patient's medical fitness to drive should be assessed due to the following medical condition(s). Please give a brief description of the medical condition and date of occurrence if applicable:

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Has patient been referred for further assessment?  □ Yes  □ No

If yes, type:

- 

Please Indicate:

- □ Physician
- □ Optometrist
- □ NP
- □ OT

Name: ____________________________________________
Signature: ________________________________________
Phone Number: ______________________ Fax Number: ________________ Email: ______________________
Date: DD MM YYYY Date of Exam: DD MM YYYY

May the Medical Review Unit inform the driver that you have provided this information?  □ Yes  □ No

(Please note: if confidentiality is not indicated, the information will be released to the driver.

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SGI
Take care out there.
3. Other report – Concerned citizens (includes family), Law Enforcement, Driver Evaluation/Assessment programs, Health Care professionals, Driver Examiners, SGI adjusters, Commercial Diver Program.
SGI Confidential Reporting Form

Driver’s Name:
PIC (if known):
Address:
Date of Birth or Age:

Please describe, in detail, the reason(s) that you feel SGI’s Medical Review Unit should further investigate the individual’s medical fitness to drive. Please include specific examples, incidents and/or symptoms:

________________________________________  ________________________________
SIGNATURE:_________________________ DATE:________________
What Happens next?
• Once the medical has been received it is reviewed by a Driver Medical Appraiser (R.N) and using the CMA, CCMTA and SGI policy a decision is made.
• Each file is reviewed individually and decisions are made based on functional ability and skill deficiencies.
Medical Process

The nurse may decide:

1. Satisfactory
2. More medical information necessary (vision)
3. Periodic Review (progressive diseases)
4. Driver Ability Assessment-(if the driver is medically fit, but there is evidence of a skill deficit, completed by SGI Driver Examiners)
5. Addiction Screening
6. Driver Evaluation Program (Regina/Saskatoon)
7. Suspension
How decisions are made

Levels of Assessment

Medical Office Exam or Vision Exam

- Functional Assessment
  - Screening
  - SGI
    - Driver Ability Assessment
    - Practical Vision Assessment
  - OT – Specialized Programs
    - DAP/DEP
Licensing Decision?

- The decision of whether or not to maintain or issue a driver’s licence remains with SGI MRU.

- Decisions can be appealed to the Highway Traffic Board.
When to report?

In General:

• Any medical condition that results in a change of physical, sensory, mental or emotional abilities has the potential to compromise driving performance

• Any compromise in the ability to perform daily activities should trigger a request for some level of assessment
When to report?

• SGI does not have a list of reportable medical conditions
• Medical conditions for which length of time the patient should not drive is 90 days or less, and it is expected that the patient will comply with recommendations not to drive, do not have to be reported.
• The driver is still responsible to report to SGI’s MRU by completing a Supplementary Medical Application.
When to report?

Remember “in the opinion of the medical practitioner, is suffering from a condition that will make it dangerous for that person to operate a vehicle.”
• SGI appreciates the work OT’s do and would like to thank you for assisting us with keeping our roadways safe for everyone!

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