



# OT's Reporting Medical conditions



# *OT's reporting*

- 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

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- ✓ Rising Tide: The Impact of Dementia on Canadian Society (2010)

Today	2038
18,000 people have dementia	Over 28,000, accounting for 2.3% of population
Every 24 hrs 10 people will develop dementia	This number will double to 20 people every 24 hrs

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# OT reporting

## 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.*

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## 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*.

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# *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.

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# *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)

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# Reporting

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.

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# 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

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# Reporting

## 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)

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# Medical Reporting Form



Medical Review Unit  
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Phone: 1-800-667-8015 Ext. 6176  
Fax: Toll Free: 1-866-274-4417  
e-mail: mruinquiries@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:

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Date of Birth		
			DD	MM	YYYY
Street Number & Name or P.O. Box Number		Town/City	Postal Code		

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:


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: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Exam: \_\_\_\_\_  
DD MM YYYY 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).



# *Reporting*

**3. Other report – Concerned citizens (includes family), Law Enforcement, Driver Evaluation/Assessment programs, Health Care professionals, Driver Examiners, SGI adjusters, Commercial Diver Program.**

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**SGI Confidential Reporting Form**



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Regina, SK S4P 0J9  
Phone: 1-800-667-8015 ext. 6176  
Fax: 1-866-274-4417  
e-mail: mru@sgi.sk.ca

**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?*



# *Medical Process*

- 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.

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# *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

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# *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

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# *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

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# *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

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# *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.

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# *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.”*

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## *Conclusion*

- 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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