Driving Safety Decision Tree for Drivers at Risk for Neurocognitive Disorders (NCD)/Dementia 2018 TZD. Catherine Sullivan cnsullivan@stkate.edu V1

**Screen/Assess**

- Forgetfulness, near crashes, moving violation

**Driver: Self screen**
- SAFER AAA Signs

**Family**
- Fitness to Drive

**Law Enforcement Officer**
- Roadside screen, DOSCI

**Likely unsafe**

- Major NCD* (Dementia)

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- If high risk, may call EMS (Medical) and/or flag on report to DVS

**Emergency, lost**

**Safe or issue resolved**

- Normal age change in cognition. Prevention: Public Education Brochure, Refresher classes DPS list On the road refresher with Licensed Driving Instructor (DriveBest) Meds and driving Rx

**General IADL* issues**

- Generalist Occupational Therapist (OTR)
  - Assessment & rehabilitation of skills needed for IADLs* including driving and community mobility AOTA

**Assessments:**
- CADReS, medical conditions, medication, cognition, vision etc. Referral to OTR for IADL eval. and/or Referral to DRS for driving eval. Periodic re-evaluation if progressive.

**Interventions:**
- Medical condition, medications. If MD: Licensing status recommendation to DVS

**Driving Rehabilitation Specialist (DRS)**
- Driving Evaluation (including on-road) and interventions for driving skills. Recommendations on licensing status to referring MD. Educate and counsel driver/family if self-referral

**Resistant Driver:** Suggestions Carr and Ott JAMA Box 2
- Best if voluntary. May need to be reported to DVS

**DVS Minnesota**
- In person renewal every 4 years for all age groups with vision test. Study
- May refer to MD to assess vision and/or medical issues
- Further tests driver observed to be at risk, or reported by DPS, MD, family or others
- Testing may include knowledge test and road test.
- Road test may be done in familiar area
- Outcome is either a) renewal, b) restrictions or c) revocation
- Driver has limited number of re-testing attempts
- If repeatedly fails, needs to take behind the wheel refresher lesson
- Medical Advisory Board involved only if driver contests DVS licensing decision.

**License Changes Recommended**

**Interdisciplinary:** Educate and counsel family and driver: Alz, At the Crossroads, Driving Contract, transition counseling, help find, use transportation, gogo. Relocate close to amenities/transit.

* NCD = Neurocognitive disorder. *IADL: Complex activities of daily living including driving. Click on links for full resource. Tools are suggestions, not complete list.