

## Ministry of Transportation (MOT) Information / Fact Sheet

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### Reporting patients to the MOT who have dementia but based upon your assessment are currently safe to drive

Under Section 203 of the Highway Traffic Act physicians are **required by law to report**:

Every legally qualified medical practitioner shall report to the Registrar the name, address and clinical condition of every person sixteen years of age or over depending upon a medical practitioner for medical services, who, in the opinion of such medical practitioner is suffering from a condition that **may make** it dangerous for such person to operate a motor vehicle.

A diagnosis of mild cognitive impairment (MCI) or mild dementia requires you notify the MOT. If upon completion of your driving assessment you feel they **are currently safe to drive** you will indicate this fact in the doctor's comments section including your intention to follow up in a specified period of time. Current research suggests that "**driving evaluations be conducted every 6 months** for drivers with very mild to mild dementia" (Molnar, F., et al., 2006: 295 – 297).

Once the ministry receives the Medical Conditions report submitted by the physician a **medical annalist then considers the individual's ability to drive** safely based upon: the details in the report submitted by attending physician; using guidelines established by the Canadian Medical Association; and, advice from the Ministry's Medical Advisory Committee, whose members are experts in the fields of neurology, cardiology, psychiatry, endocrinology, ophthalmology, internal medicine, substance abuse, geriatric medicine and psychiatry.

If an individual is reported to have a **clinical condition that is well controlled** and the individual is under physician care, the ministry generally does not suspend the licence. Where stability may be questionable, the ministry may request follow-up medical information to confirm stability or request the individual undergo a driving examination or other appropriate assessments.

If a patient then **subsequently is involved in a crash** the police will file a collision report with the ministry. If the attending police officer feels that there is some medical concern that may have contributed to the collision the collision report can be cross referenced with the Medical Conditions Report and the ministry then has the option to suspend the individual's license pending a follow up physician assessment.

## **Reporting patients with dementia to the Ministry of Transportation who even after your assessment it is not clear if they are safe to drive**

The ministry relies on the information provided on the Medical Condition Report to help identify individuals who are at significant risk, so that immediate action may be taken to ensure they do not drive (refer to “How to file a Medical Condition Report Effectively”).

If upon completion of their review the MOT are unclear if the patient is safe to drive the ministry will inform the patient in writing that their licence is temporarily suspended pending.

1. Further evaluation by speciality services such as a neurologist or geriatric assessment. AND / OR
2. A driving evaluation performed by a certified / approved driving evaluation assessment center.

## **If a family physician is unsure of a patients driving safety should they independently refer their patients for a driving assessment?**

On-road driving assessments are expensive \$400- 600. The MOT suggests that if a physician is unsure they **should advise the individual to stop driving** pending a review of the submitted Medical Condition Report by the MOT. The **ministry will then review the report** and if based upon the clinical information submitted in the report they feel the patient is unsafe to drive they will revoke the individual’s license without recommending an on-road assessment. This would save the individual the on road assessment fee.

The MOT receives many unsolicited driving assessments where a patient has undergone a driving assessment upon advice from their physician and failed – resulting in having their license revoked. As the list is constantly changing the list of currently accredited facilities is not given out by the MOT. The MOT provides the individual with a list of the accredited on-road driving assessment facilities nearest them.

## **If you are unsure but you suspect that there may be a significant risk to driving. You are arranging further assessment and you have requested (in writing, to caregiver also, if necessary) that the patient not drive until you complete the assessment. Is this sufficient?**

Under current legislation a physician can not officially suspend or revoke an individual’s license. Only the MOT has this authority. However, as indicated in section 203 of the Highway Traffic Act physicians must report a condition that **may make** it dangerous to operate a motor vehicle. The practitioner should submit a Medical Condition Report to the MOT notifying them of the physicians recommendation regarding a temporary suspension pending further assessment.

## **Reporting patients to the MOT for immediate suspension or termination of their drivers license as they are unsafe to drive**

Refer to “How to file a Medical Report (Effectively) to the Ministry of Transportation”. The MOT informs an individual in writing that their license has been revoked. The individual is also informed that they can seek re-instatement by being re-assessed by their family physician or seeking an on-road driving assessment.

## **What Conditions to Report**

The Canadian Medical Association publishes the "Physician's Guide to Driver Examination" to assist physicians in determining which conditions may make it dangerous to drive safely. The guide is available from the Canadian Medical Association.

## **Patient's Right to Access This Report**

The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act requires the ministry to provide your patient with a copy of this report if requested. It may be withheld only if there is evidence that its release would threaten the health or safety of yourself, the patient or another individual. *If you are concerned that the release of this report would threaten someone's health or safety, make sure you notify the ministry by checking the appropriate box on the front of this form or by calling the ministry at 416-235-1773 or 1-800-268-1481.*

## Medical Condition Report



Section 203 of the Highway Traffic Act requires that all legally qualified medical practitioners must report to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles the name, address and clinical condition of any patient sixteen years of age or older who, "is suffering from a medical condition that may make it dangerous for the person to operate a motor vehicle". To simplify the reporting process, the Ministry of Transportation has created this form. Mail or fax to: Registrar of Motor Vehicles, Medical Review Section, Ministry of Transportation, 2680 Keele Street, Downsview, ON M3M 3E6. Tel. No.: 416-235-1773 or 1-800-268-1481. Fax No.: 416-235-3400 or 1-800-304-7889.

### Patient Information

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Fee Schedule Code K035
Street No. and Name or Lot, Con. and Twp.			Apt. No.
City, Town or Village		Postal Code	
Date of Birth Y M D	Male	Female	Driver's Licence No. (if available)

For your convenience, the following is a list of the more common medical conditions that are reported to MTO, to be marked with an "X". If the condition you are reporting is not listed, please indicate it in the section marked "Other".

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol Dependence                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Field Impairment  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drug Dependence                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes or Hypoglycemia or other metabolic disease Uncontrolled |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seizure(s)-Cerebral                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental or Emotional Illness-Unstable                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seizure(s)-Alcohol related                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Dementia or Alzheimer's  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heart disease with Pre-syncope/Syncope/Arrhythmia   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleep Apnea-Uncontrolled   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blackout or Loss of consciousness or Awareness      | <input type="checkbox"/> Narcolepsy-Uncontrolled  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stroke/TIA or head injury with significant deficits | <input type="checkbox"/> Motor Function/Ability Impaired                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Both Visual Acuity and Visual Field Impairment      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Acuity Impairment                            |   |

### Optional

To expedite your patient's file, please provide further elaboration of clinical condition (if available) or attach as a separate report: Diagnosis; Other Relevant Clinical Information (i.e current status - including results of investigations, medication(s), treatment and prognosis); and whether or not the condition is a serious risk to road safety, threat to road safety is unknown or condition is temporary - weeks/months.

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Date of examination upon which this report is based: Y M D How long has this person been your patient? \_\_\_\_\_

- Patient is aware of this report.
- I wish to be notified if my patient requests a copy of this report, as releasing this report pursuant to a request under the Freedom of Information Act may threaten the health or safety of the patient or another individual.

Physician's Last Name, First Name and Middle Initial	For MTO Use Only 030	
Street No. and Name or Lot, Conc. and Township	Apt. No.	
City, Town or Village	Postal Code	Telephone No.
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Physician <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Room Physician <input type="checkbox"/> Specialist (Specialty) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		
Doctor's Signature	Date of Report	Y M D

**Mail or fax completed forms to:**

Registrar of Motor Vehicles, Medical Review Section  
Ministry of Transportation  
2680 Keele Street  
Downsview ON M3M 3E6

**Telephone:**

**416 - 235 -1773 or 1- 800 - 268 -1481**

**Fax:**

**416 - 235 - 3400**

To ensure document recognition, please do not photocopy this form

To obtain copies of the **Medical Condition Report form**

- ◆ Download the [Medical Condition Report](#) (PDF - 713 K)  
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