General Information

Evaluations are performed at Lenox Baker Hospital, located one mile west of Duke Hospital at 3000 Erwin Road, Durham, NC. This facility offers free parking with easy access to our clinic.

We accept referrals from your medical provider or NC DMV Medical Review Unit.

The clinical and behind the wheel evaluations are not covered by medical insurance as driving is not a medical necessity.

For additional information on fees, call 919 684-4543

To schedule an appointment, call 919 684-2445

Referrals may be faxed to: 919 681-5555

Duke Driving Program
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Driving Program

A very important part of an individual’s independence is the ability to safely operate a motor vehicle.

**Medical Fitness to Drive:** For most Americans, driving and community mobility are essential for homemaking, working and engaging in social and leisure activities. Occupational therapy practitioners are skilled at evaluating a person's ability and potential to drive. The clinical driving evaluation will assist in identifying potential safety factors related to various components of the driving process. Participants and families are involved in the discussion of factors which may impact medical fitness to drive. The evaluation will provide recommendations for medical fitness to drive, community mobility and adaptive equipment needs/resources.

Who May Benefit?

- Beginner drivers
- Experienced drivers

Persons who have experienced any of the following disorders:

- Stroke
- Memory disorder
- Brain injury
- Neurological impairment
- Amputation
- Orthopedic condition
- Congenital Disability
- Visual Impairment

All testing is performed within the clinic, and takes approximately 2 hours to complete.

Please bring a list of medications and glasses to your appointment.

What Is Evaluated?

- Visual Acuity
- Visual perceptual skills
- Memory/cognitive skills
- Safety/judgment skills
- Knowledge of road regulations/rules
- Motor skills
- Eye-hand/foot reaction times
- Adaptive equipment recommendations

Referrals for a behind the wheel driving evaluation are recommended based on the outcome of the clinical driving evaluation. The behind the wheel evaluation is performed by a North Carolina certified driving instructor.