



Assessing Fitness to Drive in older patients

PHN EDUCATION SESSION

Clinicians are drawn into the question of driving fitness in two main ways. The more clearcut is when a patient presents with a medical assessment form. The other way is when they detect a new or worsening condition in a patient who is already licenced (Source: RACP Podcast [Medical Fitness to Drive](#))

Learning outcomes : At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- Utilise the updated 2022 Assess Fitness to Drive Austroads guidelines whenever driving fitness needs consideration
- Appropriately triage patients with mild to moderate cognitive impairment regarding their driving fitness, using simple screening tools
- Conduct difficult discussions around driving fitness with older patients, explaining the legal and moral responsibilities of medical practitioners around assessing fitness to drive, the impact of medical conditions on safe driving with patients and recognising the impact that the driving restrictions will have on patients' lifestyles

SPEAKERS: **Dr Genevieve Yates** - for the past twenty years, Genevieve has worked as a GP in regional Queensland, NSW and Victoria, combining clinical work with various medical educator, medico-legal, management and leadership roles.



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WHO: GPs primarily, but also suitable for any health professional who is involved in assessing driving fitness.

WHEN: Wednesday 23rd March 2022, 6.30 pm – 8.00 pm

WHERE: Online via GoToWebinar

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