Older Driver Safety Awareness Week 2022

Clearinghouse for Older Road User Safety

RESOURCES FOR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

- What is Your Role in Talking About Older Driver Safety: Healthcare providers can be vital in helping older adult drivers recognize when it might be time to change their driving habits, seek a driving assessment to identify adaptations to their car and driving, or plan for the future.
- Clinician's Guide to Assessing and Counseling Older Drivers: The
 Clinician's Guide to Assessing and Counseling Older Drivers, 4th Edition
 is published by the American Geriatrics Society (AGS) as a service to
 healthcare providers involved in the care of older adults. The guide can
 be accessed from Geriatrics Care Online by free registration.
- <u>ChORUS Older Patient Questionnaire</u>: Provides sample questions that a healthcare provider can ask their patients to determine if they are having difficulties driving.
- Help patients to plan ahead with the <u>ChORUS Older Driver</u>
 <u>Transportation Planning Tool.</u> This tool guides older adults through the
 steps of developing their transportation plan. Starting early allows
 them to map out their needs, identify and explore options for alternate
 transportation modes in their area, and plan for continuing a full and
 active life whether they are driving or not.
- What to Expect When You Are Referred to a Driving Rehabilitation
 Specialist: Provides information on the role of Driving Rehabilitation
 Specialist (DRS), how they perform evaluation, and what to do with evaluation results.
- Older Driver Safety Continuing Education for Health Care Professionals:
 Medscape/WebMD has resumed collaboration with NHTSA and has
 developed on-line education courses with available continuing
 education credits to physicians, nurses and pharmacists. Educational
 activities (courses) are directed to health professionals to enhance
 knowledge and understanding the impact of medical conditions and
 impairment on safe driving and the role of the health care provider.

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Courses can be in the form of a panel discussion, video presentation or article. Courses are free to anyone, even outside of the health care field and include issues associated with older drivers, mobility and/or impairment with medications whether over the counter, prescribed or recreational.

- <u>Stepping Out as an Older Adult</u>- Encourage patients to step out to exercise, run errands, or both, make sure they maintain their safety while enjoying the health benefits of walking.
- Encourage patients to view My State Info to find the information they need about alternative transportation options in your state.
- Assessment of Older Drivers: The American Geriatric Society Virtual
 Patient Cases on the Assessment of Older Drivers: provides virtual
 patient simulations of clinical encounters with three older drivers.
 These cases provide an opportunity for healthcare professionals to
 learn how to incorporate the safety needs of older drivers while
 diagnosing and managing a patient in a virtual clinical encounter.
- Association for Driver Rehabilitation Specialists: Driver rehabilitation specialists work with drivers of all ages and abilities for independent transportation, and they explore alternative transportation solutions for passengers with special needs. <u>ADED Fact Sheet</u>
- Practitioner's Toolkit—OT's role in driving rehab | AOTA: Practitioner's
 Toolkit—OT's role in driving rehab provides tools and resources that
 promote the growth of occupational therapy programs and services
 addressing safe mobility and participation in the community as drivers,
 passengers, pedestrians, and transit users.

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