Driver Assessment for Cardiac Patients

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A comprehensive evaluation is required to determine the ability to drive for patients with cardiac problems. It involves off-road assessment which includes evaluation of different components involved in driving, i.e. visual, physical, cognitive deficits as well as reaction time. It then follows with an on-road assessment which actually involves the patients to drive a vehicle in different traffic situations to determine their safety and competency on the road. Most cardiac patients may not exhibit major physical disabilities which may interfere with safe driving, but the concern is whether they are medically fit to drive. A set of guidelines, which is referenced from similar guidelines adopted in various overseas countries, has been formulated to enable medical practitioners to determine such medical fitness, both for driving private cars and commercial vehicles.

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