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Health Conditions that Affect Driving



Being unexpectedly ill and driving is one of the causes of car accidents which injure both drivers and road users. Several kinds of sicknesses can lead to car accidents and therefore it is advisable not to drive if taken ill. The list of some conditions that affect driving are shown below.

Eyesight conditions



Patients with cataract and macular degeneration reduce driving ability because vision is affected, especially at night-time. Patients with glaucoma have narrow visibility and can experience increased glare from headlights of other cars.

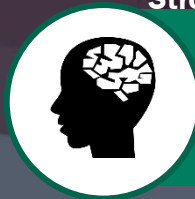


Heart Disease

If patients with heart disease may get stressed while driving in heavy traffic. The patients may have sudden heart failure and cause injury to road users.



Stroke



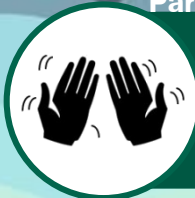
The symptoms of stroke are muscle fatigue, blurred vision or feel faint. These symptoms can arise when the patients are stressed or is in a bad temper. Therefore, the patients cannot control the wheel which could lead to car accidents.

Convulsive Disorder

Convulsive disorder is caused by the abnormality of the nervous system. Patient will get seizures which appear without any warning. The patients cannot control themselves and hence, will lead to car accidents.



Parkinson's Disease



The symptoms of Parkinson's disease are seizures and can cause the person's arms, hands and legs to shake which decrease the ability to control the car. The driver may not be able to react quickly to danger and could lead to car accidents.

Diabetes Mellitus

Patients with diabetes mellitus may get complications for example macular degeneration, numbness of extremities, stroke, heart disease, etc. These symptoms can interrupt driving ability, therefore patients with this condition should not drive.



Arthritis



Patients with arthritis may have difficulty in stepping in accelerator, brake or control the wheel. Moreover, patients with neck arthritis will have neck pain causing difficulty in observing traffic, leading to car accidents.

These particular health conditions affect the ability to control vehicles and affect how well you respond to emergency situation. Therefore, patients afflicted with the illness above should not drive or let other people to drive for them in order to minimize the possibility of car accidents.

