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About RACV

RACV represents over 2 million members

RACV provides advice, information and advocacy on behalf of members
RACV and dementia

Dementia effects road safety and mobility

Crash risk of someone with dementia is 2-8 times greater

25% of people over 85 will develop dementia
Research report findings

Aging population = more people with dementia

More services will be required

Early diagnosis important in planning process

Carers and doctors play in important role

Symptoms vary greatly between individuals
A diagnosis of dementia must be reported to VicRoads

On road testing with an OT may be required to continue driving

Highlight resource gaps and key messages that need to be communicated
Development of the guide

Practical information to help maintain mobility

Comprehensive guide of services and information sources

For health professionals, carers, families, friends and people with dementia
Development of the guide

Alzheimer’s Australia
Austin Repat
Ballarat Health Services
Carers Victoria
Caulfield CDAMS
Council on the Aging
Disabled Motorists Australia
Eastern Health
La Trobe University
Monash University
VicRoads
Victorian institute of Forensic Medicine
Launch

Key stakeholders

Health professionals

Media

DEMENTIA AND THE DRIVING DILEMMA
10,000 guides distributed since April 2013

Over 2,700 visitors to RACV dementia page

Demand from members for copies

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Policy directions

Cost of driving assessments

Training for Occupational Therapists

Alternative transport options
Assessment of driving ability must be affordable

Driving assessments required by VicRoads should be claimable under Medicare
Funding is needed for OT’s to undertake specialised training

More OT’s are needed across Victoria
Alternative transport options

Expanded and improve transport services

Expand Multi-Purpose Taxi Scheme to provide services suited to the needs of people with dementia
Partnership

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