Alzheimer’s disease and safe driving
Knowing when to say “when”
Difficult issues for patients, families, and physicians

Clinical evaluation:
The Virginia Department for the Aging Expanded Older Driver program is providing funds, through September 30th, to help provide clinical driving evaluations of individuals with Alzheimer’s disease at a reduced fee. This evaluation, which typically costs $300-$375, will be available on a sliding scale depending on household income, with the fees ranging from $0-$375. The evaluation involves a 2-3 hour visit at the University of Virginia’s Driving Safety Laboratory involving assessment of:

- Vision
- Physical and mental abilities
- Driving knowledge
- Driving simulation performance
- Individuals who are legally able to complete on-road testing will also complete an on-road test at a separate site and day

From this assessment, a written report will be generated to be given to and reviewed with the patient.

Research element:
Participants and their spouses may additionally volunteer for our research study that involves:

- Allowing permission to use data from the clinical driving evaluation
- Completing questionnaires and a brief, computerized cognitive screening test
- Driving our new simulator course

For more information, call the Virginia Driving Safety Laboratory. Phone: 434-924-5314.