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Sneak Peek

[Evaluating the Capacity to Drive](#)

By Erica F. Wood

In the classic 1985 science fiction fantasy movie *Cocoon*, a group of residents from a retirement home are rejuvenated as they swim in a fountain of youth pool charged with special life force by aliens. As they feel their youthful energy and clear vision returning, a memorable scene shows one of the retirees gleefully ripping off the cover on his neglected car, getting behind the wheel, and zooming off. That is likely the wish of many older adults who have given up the keys. But, short of alien intervention, to drive they must have the requisite "capacity." What is this illusive concept of "capacity to drive"? What are its components and how is it assessed?

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