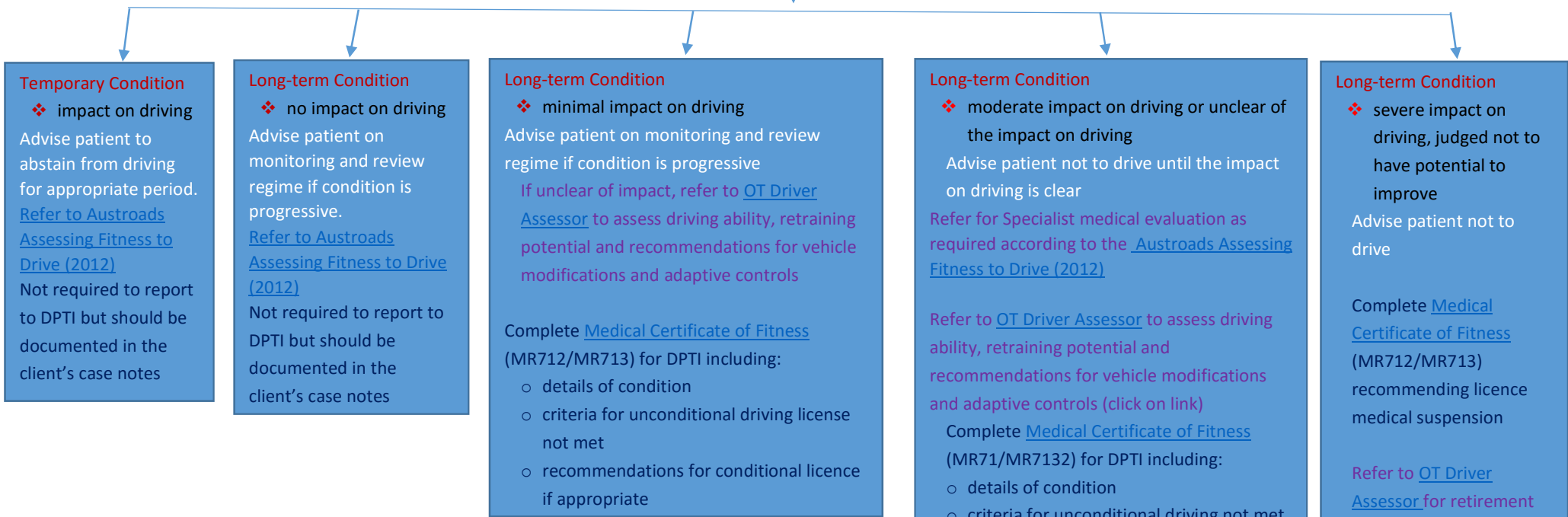


# Evaluating A Patients Fitness to Drive

A medical officers guide on how and when to advise their patient and refer for further assessment

Condition diagnosed or Patient undergoes surgery and their condition has potential to impact on driving performance.

Doctor to complete [Medical Fitness Certificate \(MR712/MR713\)](#)  
As required  
[Refer to Austroads Assessing Fitness to Drive \(2012\)](#)  
See Below for more details



**Temporary Condition**  
❖ impact on driving  
Advise patient to abstain from driving for appropriate period.  
[Refer to Austroads Assessing Fitness to Drive \(2012\)](#)  
Not required to report to DPTI but should be documented in the client's case notes

**Long-term Condition**  
❖ no impact on driving  
Advise patient on monitoring and review regime if condition is progressive.  
[Refer to Austroads Assessing Fitness to Drive \(2012\)](#)  
Not required to report to DPTI but should be documented in the client's case notes

**Long-term Condition**  
❖ minimal impact on driving  
Advise patient on monitoring and review regime if condition is progressive  
If unclear of impact, refer to [OT Driver Assessor](#) to assess driving ability, retraining potential and recommendations for vehicle modifications and adaptive controls  
  
Complete [Medical Certificate of Fitness \(MR712/MR713\)](#) for DPTI including:  

- o details of condition
- o criteria for unconditional driving license not met
- o recommendations for conditional licence if appropriate

**Long-term Condition**  
❖ moderate impact on driving or unclear of the impact on driving  
Advise patient not to drive until the impact on driving is clear  
[Refer for Specialist medical evaluation as required according to the Austroads Assessing Fitness to Drive \(2012\)](#)  
  
[Refer to OT Driver Assessor to assess driving ability, retraining potential and recommendations for vehicle modifications and adaptive controls \(click on link\)](#)  
Complete [Medical Certificate of Fitness \(MR71/MR7132\)](#) for DPTI including:  

- o details of condition
- o criteria for unconditional driving not met
- o recommendations for conditional licence
- o requirements for ongoing monitoring and review
- o request DPTI On-Road Driver Assessment if applicable
- o (DPTI may also seek independent advice)

**Long-term Condition**  
❖ severe impact on driving, judged not to have potential to improve  
Advise patient not to drive  
  
Complete [Medical Certificate of Fitness \(MR712/MR713\)](#) recommending licence medical suspension  
  
[Refer to OT Driver Assessor for retirement from driving counselling](#)

**Provide Medical Certificate of Fitness to patient to notify DPTI (driver's legal obligation)**  
Consider reporting directly to DPTI if patient is unlikely to appreciate impact of their condition on driving or to take notice of recommendation (medical practitioner's legal obligation).

**DPTI makes decision regarding licence and informs driver of licence status.**

