Driving with Parkinson’s disease

Iowa City VA neurologist Dr. Ergun Uc and an international team analyzed **50 past studies** comparing people with Parkinson’s disease (PD) with “healthy controls” on road and driving-simulator tests.

**Those with PD were more than 6 times more likely** to fail a road test, and **nearly 3 times as likely** to crash on a simulator test.

However, **self-reported** real-life crash rates did not differ between groups.

**Conclusion:** “Our findings provide persuasive evidence for substantive driving impairment in PD, but offer little support for mandated PD-specific re-licensure based on self-reported crash data alone, and highlight the need for objective measures of crash involvement.”