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**Submission to the Medical Board of Australia on health checks for older doctors.**

As a specialist, I would prefer to see assessments performed by an occupational health physician.

My experience with GPs, particularly with the International medical graduates, is that some are easily intimidated.

[REDACTED] with moderate dementia held onto full registration into his late 80s and bullied a former partner into renewing his driving licence based on assessment with a junior driving instructor at the 'as as easy as' driving school.

His GP chose to believe this assessment rather than a fail with the on road occupational therapist.

The problem is that the ongoing doctor-patient relationship in the elderly creates an interdependence and lack of objectivity.

Occupational health physicians would therefore be better placed to make independent objective judgements based on standardised data.

Yours sincerely  
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