

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR CATEGORY B: HYPERTENSION/CARDIOVASCULAR PROFILE**

### **A. HYPERTENSION/CARDIOVASCULAR PROFILE**

Most antihypertensive agents have potential side effects which may affect driving capability. The examining health care professional should be alert to the following potential problems which may be more prominent or likely with certain antihypertensives as listed. Each hypertensive applicant who is receiving antihypertensive medication should be specifically questioned for these side effects.

#### **(1) ORTHOSTATIC HYPOTENSION**

Virtually any antihypertensive, especially when used in combinations including diuretics, ACE inhibitors, calcium channel blockers, alpha blockers, clonidine, especially Guanethidine and Guanadrel.

#### **(2) SYNCOPE**

Alpha Blockers

#### **(3) DROWSINESS/SEDATION**

Methyldopa, Guanabenz, Guanadrel, Reserpine, Clonidine

#### **(4) DIZZINESS**

Most beta blockers, alpha blockers, calcium channel blockers. Also, Apresoline may aggravate angina symptoms in individuals with pre-existing clinically significant coronary artery disease.

#### **(5) OTHER AGENTS AFFECTING DRIVING SAFETY**

Because of their greater tendency to produce side effects, the following agents are even more likely to affect driving safety: Guanethidine, Methyldopa, Reserpine, Guanabenz and Guanadrel.