

Dealing With Aging Parents (1)

Susan Caruso: Hi, Dean. How's your Dad doing?

Dean Reid: His condition's stable. Thanks for asking, Susan.

May Grey: has his doctor given you a ()?

Reid: Yes, she told me that it was a light ()(). 今後合併症が出なければ数週間で回復するとのことです。He'll need some rehabilitation, including assisted walking, for a while.

Takahashi Shuzo: That sounds rather favorable to me. I don't suppose it involved any () (). Is there any risk of ()?

Reid: He had ()()() scans. The doctor told us there's no risk of stroke. Of course, I'm keeping my fingers crossed. What he can eat and drink will ()()()()() (). And my mother has a day nurse to keep an eye on him at home.

Grey: Now that you're back here, who's doing the driving?

Reid: 今のところは母がやっていますが、視力の衰えが心配です。She needs to () her driving license in a year or two, but she may not pass the eye test. In that case, we'll have to make other arrangements.

Caruso: You should ()() local community services that offer volunteer drivers for old people or those with ()(). So I suppose your dad won't ()()() for some time to come.

Reid: Mom and I discussed that. 父に運転を禁じることにしました。

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Reid: She took his driver's license from his () and passed it to me for ().

Caruso: それではお父さんが回復してちょっと車を走らせたくなくなったら騒ぎになるでしょう。

Reid: Yes, but what made it especially difficult for Mom was that she knew that we were taking away his freedom.

Takahashi: I know Americans don't want to give up the car keys. アメリカでは車を運転することは独立心の象徴ですからね。

Reid: You're right, Shuzo. By losing a license, older people tend to feel more (), () and (). それでも父はこうした挫折を潔く受け入れました。 He said he understood because he had to do the same thing with his father many years ago.

Grey: With a () 66 million drivers over the age of 50, an eye needs to be kept on their driving skills. Even that number will ()() when the () of the baby boomers ()()().

Reid: Older people need to be monitored more closely. Look at what happened two years ago.

Grey: You mean that driver in his mid-80's who lost control in a crowded farmers market, right?

I think he killed 10 people and injured more than 50.

Caruso: Yeah, it's pretty (). My mother's only in her 50's but she seems to ()() staying in one lane.

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Grey: I don't think it's a simple matter of how old you are. () (), there are people in their 70s or 80s who () their driving skills.

Caruso: 彼らが賢いドライバーなら、日没後の雨が降っているときには道路に出ないように自己規制していますよ。 In too many cases, through, () isn't even considered until an aging driver gets into a major collision.

Takahashi: My grandfather still drives in Japan. 昨年は年に一度の健康診断で、医師から白内障のために視力が鈍っていると言われました。 A quick, simple and safe operation () his normal (), so he continues to drive.

Reid: Educational programs for older drivers () () () () and seem to help. These drivers' education classes are () () meant to help drivers () their road skills and are often quite helpful for () senior drivers.

Grey: Driving is only one aspect of a much bigger picture in dealing with aging parents, though. In your case, Dean, you live here in New York and your parents live way out west in Utah. How can you () () () () at that distance?

Reid: One problem I already () is that my mother may not be able to cope once the day nurse is (). We () () the subject. I suggested she consider selling the house and moving into one of those new () () with special 24-hour services for senior people.

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Grey: That's one (). My parents live on the West Coast. I ()() () by telephone and e-mail. Believe it or not, people in their 60s are the leading consumers for computer and Internet services. I set up a computer for them so we can ()().

Caruso: If you haven't already looked into support services in your Mom's community, Dean, you may want to do that. ()(), churches and () have supervised groups that can handle all sorts of () as volunteers.

Reid: Good idea. Thanks for that. 通いの看護師に、最近の高齢者はこれまでになく長い人生と優れた保健医療を期待することができると言われて、本当にいくらか励まされました。 Mom and Dad could live to be ().

Grey: Remember () John Glenn returning to space at age 77? That was seven years ago and it ()()(). But there are more and more seniors like him who continue to enjoy a rich ()()() that () both them and their families.

Takahashi: ディーン、それとは別に、お父さんをインターネットのチャットルームにつないであげたらどうでしょう。そこで、似たような心臓疾患を経験し、その経験談を語れるほかの高齢者たちと話ができるようにしてあげるのも、いいかもしれませんよ。 He might learn a lot from that trouble--- and lived to talk about it. He might learn a lot from that kind of chat group.

Reid: Thanks, Shuzo. まあ、この歳になったら、老いて白髪が増えていくのに伴うリスクを、そろそろ見通す時期だということでしょうね。

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