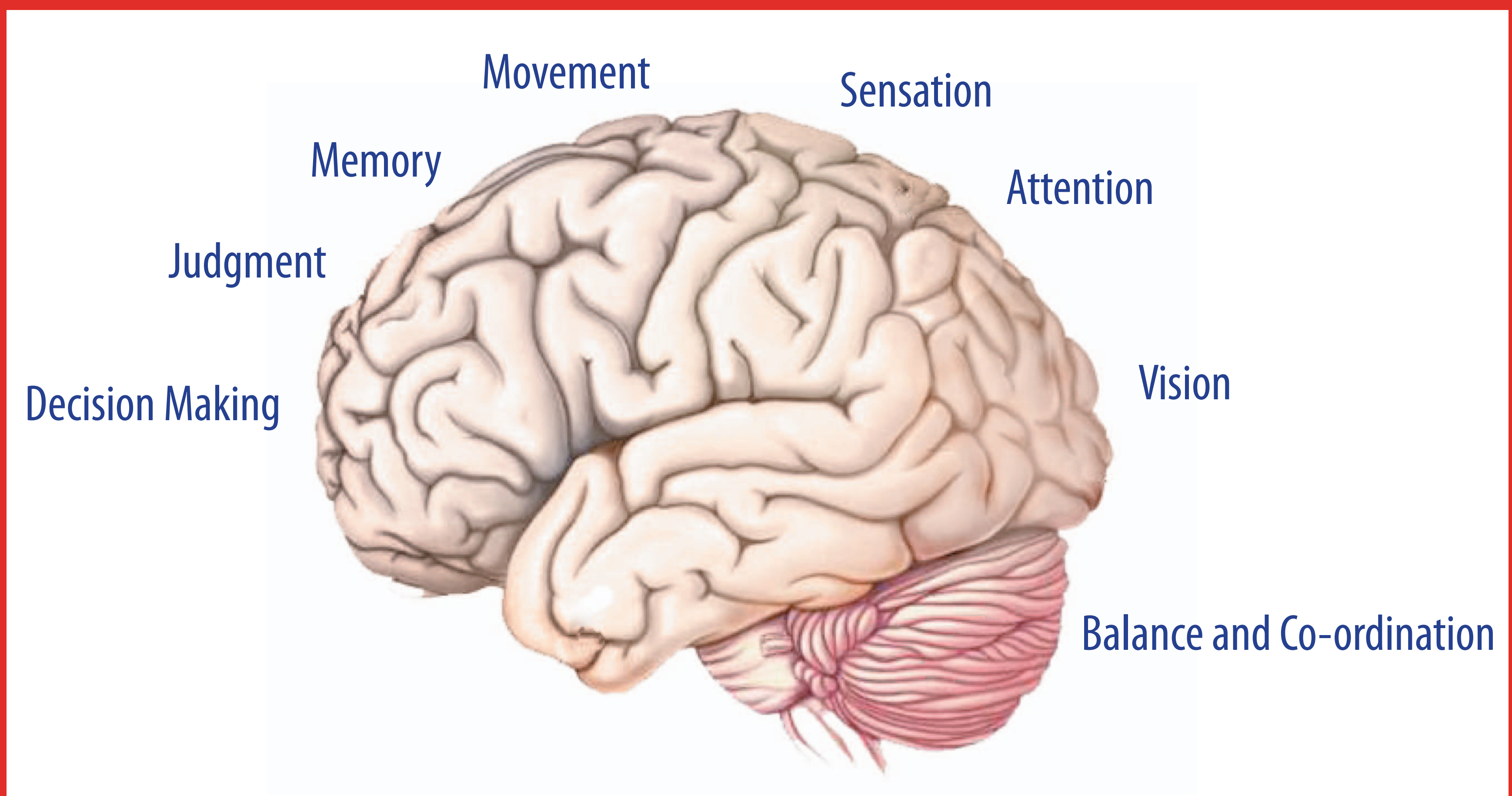


DISEASES AND MEDICATIONS CAN CAUSE IMPAIRED DRIVING



Medically Impaired Drivers: 2 to 8 times more likely to crash*

**Declining cognitive abilities
put drivers most at risk.**

Red Flag Conditions:

- Alzheimer's Disease
- Cardiovascular Disease
- Cognitive Impairment
- Brain Injury
- Neurological Disorders
- Pulmonary Disease
- Metabolic Disorders
- Psychiatric Disorders

*Medically impaired: When medical conditions have made the driver unsafe-to-drive.

Whose responsibility?

Physicians:

"... must always consider both the interest of the patient and the welfare of the community exposed to the patient's driving."¹

"... should notify licensing bodies of concern regarding competence to drive, even in those provinces that have not legislated mandatory reporting..."²

¹Section 1.3; page 4; Determining Medical Fitness to Drive, A Guide for Physicians; sixth edition

²CMAJ; Conclusions from the Canadian Consensus Conference on Dementia, 1999; 160(12 Suppl)



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