



For a World Without Myasthenia Gravis

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Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America, Inc. (MGFA)

Founded 1956

Vision: A World Without MG

Mission: Create Connections, Enhance Lives, Improve Care, Cure MG

Values: Respect, Excellence, Transparency, Collaboration, Continuous Improvement

About Us

Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America (MGFA) is the largest, leading patient advocacy organization solely dedicated to finding a cure for the rare neuromuscular disease myasthenia gravis (MG) while improving the lives of people living with MG.

More than 70,000 are diagnosed and living with MG in the United States alone. Those with myasthenia suffer with profound, debilitating physical symptoms such as extreme fatigue and muscle weakness that impact a person's ability to see, swallow, smile, walk or breathe.

MGFA is focused on funding the most promising research discoveries for better treatments and a cure while providing impactful programs, guidance, and education to help support members of the MG Community.

Our Leadership



Samantha Masterson

President and Chief
Executive Officer



Brian Gladden

Chair, Board of
Directors

What is myasthenia gravis?

- A rare neuromuscular, autoimmune disorder.
- Causes extreme fatigue and profound muscle weakness of voluntary muscles.
- Impulses from the brain travel down nerves but are blocked by antibodies in the muscular junction before impulses reach muscle receptors. The body is essentially attacking itself and impeding or stopping muscle function.
- Can impact a person's ability to see correctly, swallow, smile, walk, breathe, talk, chew food, or engage in normal, everyday activity.
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- [Learn more about myasthenia gravis.](#)

What we do

As part of our mission to create connections, enhance lives, improve care, and cure MG, we aim to:

- **Fund and Support Research:** We award grants to promising MG researchers, support clinical studies, and manage the MGFA Global MG Patient Registry. The MGFA organizes the largest international research conference dedicated to MG and related disorders of the neuromuscular junction.
- **Educate the Community:** We help those with MG and their families understand their diagnosis and treatment options, as well as approaches to wellness and disease management, through resources, materials, webinars, and conferences.
- **Support Patients and Families:** MGFA is the only organization that provides nationwide support groups for MG patients and caregivers. Through support groups, the MG Friends peer-to-peer program, online communities, and special events, we make sure community members don't feel alone as they navigate their MG journey.
- **Advocate for Patients:** We come together with patients and medical providers to ensure our voices are heard clearly at all levels of government, across the medical and insurance fields, and around the world – no matter where you live.
- **Raise Awareness:** We bring together MG experts and shine a light on the MG experience to improve time to diagnosis and ensure wider understanding of the challenges of living with this disease.
- **Raise funds** and steward donors to support and carry out our mission for the MG Community.

News, press releases, and other updates are available on [our news center](#). For annual reports and financial information, visit the [Financial Information](#) section of our website.