

What is Myasthenia?

There are three main types of myasthenia, all characterised by fluctuating muscle weakness.

Myasthenia Gravis (MG), the commonest, is an auto immune disease, where the body's immune system, in the form of antibodies, attacks and damages the nerve signal reception areas on muscle, causing a breakdown in communication between the nerve and muscle.

Lambert Eaton Myasthenic Syndrome (LEMS) results from a similar autoimmune attack directed at the nerve endings in both voluntary and 'automatic' muscles.

Congenital Myasthenic Syndromes (CMS) are genetic disorders affecting transmission of messages from nerves to muscles, usually with symptoms from the first years of life.

The myasthenias are associated with varied disability, ranging from mild to severe muscle weakness, which in some cases may involve the breathing muscles. However muscle weakness in myasthenia is treatable and your support is crucial to help us raise awareness and fund new treatments.

What is being done?

Myasthenia Gravis Association is a charity with headquarters in Derby. Local branches, contact groups and regional organisers offer support to people with myasthenia and their families and work to increase public and medical awareness. Raising funds for medical research, seeking improved understanding, diagnosis and management of the disease is an important part of our work, but there is still no cure.

Join a Contact Group for mutual support and friendship



Donate Now

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I would like my donation to go to:

General Research
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Selecting 'General' will enable MGA to continue our work by directing your donation to where it is most needed. If everybody were to select, for example Research then there would be no funds available to run the charity.

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RESEARCH

Seeking Treatments and a Cure

CARE

Supporting people with Myasthenia and their families



EDUCATION

Raising Awareness of Myasthenia



Myasthenia Gravis Association

Join us today

Membership is FREE

Mr/Mrs/Other _____ M F

Name _____

Surname _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Date of Birth _____

Email _____

Telephone _____

Mobile _____

Occupation _____

I have had:

Myasthenia Gravis

Congenital Myasthenic Syndrome

Lambert Eaton Myasthenic Syndrome

Ocular MG

I do not have a diagnosis

Relative or friend of Myasthenic

Other _____

Age of diagnosis _____

Please send me details of:

My nearest branch / contact group

Myasthenic Kids group

Young People Group

I am happy to receive information from MGA by:

Post and/or

Email

Please send me:

Myasthenia for Complete Beginners

The Congenital Myasthenic Syndromes

Medical Guide for Patients with MG

A Medical Guide for Patients with LEMS

Medical Information (Medical Professionals)

Quarterly MGA Newsletter

Facts for Patients & Families

Information about the MGA benefits Service

Information about the MGA Forum

Medical DVD

Signed: _____

Date: _____

I have read and accepted the membership conditions (below) and Privacy Policy (overleaf).

Membership Conditions

I wish to apply for FULL VOTING MEMBERSHIP. I am aged 16 years or over. I understand that as a MEMBER I will be entitled to attend all General Meetings of the Charity and have full voting rights. I understand that the Myasthenia Gravis Association is a Company Limited by Guarantee and that as a MEMBER I may be required to contribute up to £1 to the assets of the Association in the event of it being wound up whilst I am a member or within one year after I cease to be a member.

Respecting your Privacy

Thank you for applying for membership of MGA. Our objectives of research, care and education are a huge task and we need all the help we can get. That's why your support is so valuable to us and why we ask your permission to write and let you know from time to time of all the different ways you could help, including local meetings, medical research, drugs issues or fundraising.

We will not disclose your personal details to third parties, but we do use anonymous data for statistical review purposes that could be of benefit to medical researchers looking at patterns of myasthenia (age, geography, occupation, gender).

However, if you would rather not hear about these opportunities, you are welcome to let us know of your preference at any time, or by ticking this box now.

Full details of our privacy policy can be found at:

www.mga-charity.org/privacy-policy

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