



# Heartland MYASTHENIA GRAVIS ASSOCIATION

June 10, July 8, and August 12, 2023



The Heartland MGA group's scheduled time and place to meet is 10:00 AM, the second Saturday of each month at Calvary Lighthouse Church, **2941 N. 80<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha NE 68134**. Calvary is located just north of Maple on 80<sup>th</sup> Street.

Our meetings take place in the upstairs conference room. Parking is up front (third driveway on the right from the corner of 80<sup>th</sup> and Maple) and enter where the sign says Education Center.

**S**aturday May 13, 2023, the Heartland Myasthenia Gravis Association Support Group met for their normally scheduled meeting. There were 8 in attendance.

Dianna advised the support group that Kristin Neusel, MS RD LD CDCES Patient Advocacy Liaison for UCB Inc. had called and introduced herself. Kristen heard about our group from Allison Foss and reached out to inquire if she could help our group in any way. UCB's website describes themselves as "UCB is a global biopharmaceutical company focused on creating value for people living with severe diseases in immunology and neurology now and into the future".

Dianna has a zoom called scheduled on May 24<sup>th</sup> with Shelly Gerson, associate director, Argenix to discuss their support of our Heartland MG group.

There were many news articles from Myasthenia.org shared at the May support group meeting:

- Robot-assisted thymectomy 'safe, feasible': Study
- Patients with very late-onset MG may have a poor prognosis: Study
- Radiation therapy speeds recovery in Myasthenia Gravis due to thymoma
- Ocular MG symptoms can be eased with immunosuppressants: Study
- Rozanolixizumab fared well across gMG patient groups (phase 3 trial)
- Vyvgart for 2 years found to ease symptoms of gMG
- Longer-term benefits seen with under-skin efgartigimod (Vyvgart) (phase 3)
- Zilucoplan has positive effects for all subgroups in trial (phase 3)
- MG clinical trial updates

Announcement of Upcoming webinars:

May 18, 2023 – Prevail Phase 3 Study in generalized Myasthenia Gravis

June 1, 2023 – MG Illuminate Kick off Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month

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