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MGA lights up June awareness month

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We are still beaming with pride, reminiscing on all the festivities that occurred in June in honor of Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month. Most notably were the Union Station lights in Kansas City turning teal on Thursday June 17th!

The lighting at Union Station occurred on the heels of our 60th birthday celebration where we "cheered to 60 years" at Lidia's in the Freight Yard in downtown Kansas City. Attendees vied for a "diamond raffle" prize, with the option to choose from 1 of 3 diamond trips or a $4,000 trip credit. Melinda Sand was our very surprised winner!

Other memorable awareness activities included our 3rd Annual MGA Snowflake Shuffle 0.1K on June 12th in Wichita. Dedicated support group members reconnected after 18 months of being physically apart and celebrated with the official State of Kansas Proclamation for Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month. Attendees celebrated with raffles, activities, and boxed lunches, all while visiting with vendors from Alexion, ARJ Infusion Services, and argenx. Did we tell you at the Snowflake Shuffle 0.1K, everybody earns a medal?!

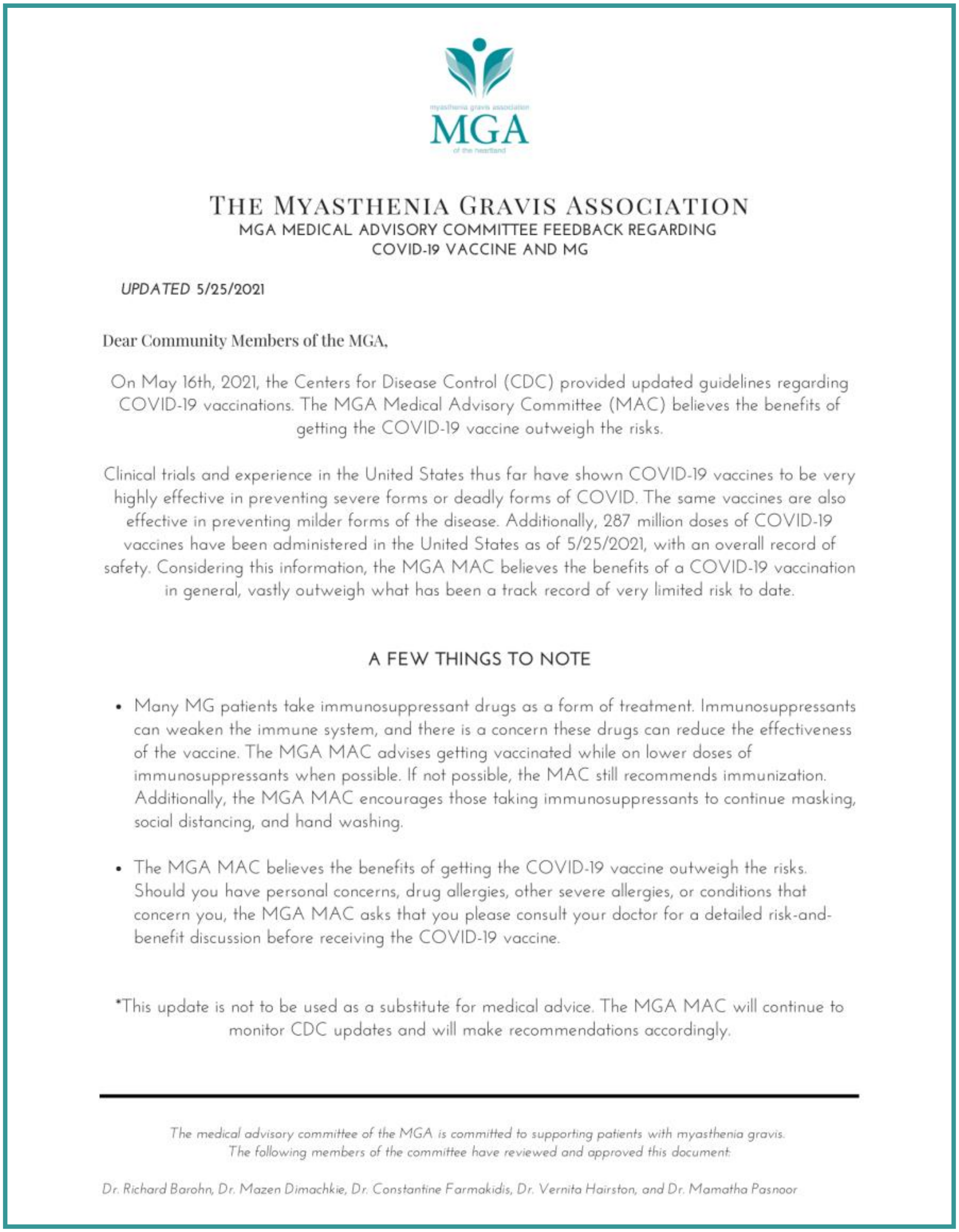
The MGA also partnered with Kendra Scott, participating in their Give Back Event Program throughout our region including Rogers, AR, Leawood, KS, Wichita, KS, Kansas City, MO and St. Louis, MO. Shoppers had the option of donating 20% to the MGA in which we raised $1,500! Special thanks to Meridith O'Connor, Christina Ramirez and Allison Foss who greeted shoppers in each of the stores.

Near and far, many enjoyed the daily activities on our June MG Awareness Calendar from wearing teal, to sharing social media posts, and to writing about their MG journeys. While we consider our June activities to be successful as far as raising awareness, we also find it important to share that we work hard all year long to raise awareness for myasthenia gravis. Until there is as cure, raising awareness does not stop.

MGA MAC PROVIDES UPDATED COVID-19 GUIDANCE

This past May, the MGA Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) released an updated statement regarding their position on the COVID-19 vaccine and myasthenia gravis. The MAC is comprised of a trusted group of healthcare providers, all working to ensure myasthenia gravis patients are educated on the latest research as it pertains to this chronic disease.

The MGA has and continues to receive many questions about the COVID-19 vaccine, and we rely heavily on our MAC to keep the MG community informed. The statement below is a general statement based on the latest research and data pertaining to COVID-19. Should you have questions specific to your own health, please contact with your medical provider(s).



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THE MYASTHENIA GRAVIS ASSOCIATION

MGA MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FEEDBACK REGARDING COVID-19 VACCINE AND MG

UPDATED 5/25/2021

Dear Community Members of the MGA,

On May 16th, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) provided updated guidelines regarding COVID-19 vaccinations. The MGA Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) believes the benefits of getting the COVID-19 vaccine outweigh the risks.

Clinical trials and experience in the United States thus far have shown COVID-19 vaccines to be very highly effective in preventing severe forms or deadly forms of COVID. The same vaccines are also effective in preventing milder forms of the disease. Additionally, 287 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered in the United States as of 5/25/2021, with an overall record of safety. Considering this information, the MGA MAC believes the benefits of a COVID-19 vaccination in general, vastly outweigh what has been a track record of very limited risk to date.

A FEW THINGS TO NOTE

- Many MG patients take immunosuppressant drugs as a form of treatment. Immunosuppressants can weaken the immune system, and there is a concern these drugs can reduce the effectiveness of the vaccine. The MGA MAC advises getting vaccinated while on lower doses of immunosuppressants when possible. If not possible, the MAC still recommends immunization. Additionally, the MGA MAC encourages those taking immunosuppressants to continue masking, social distancing, and hand washing.
- The MGA MAC believes the benefits of getting the COVID-19 vaccine outweigh the risks. Should you have personal concerns, drug allergies, other severe allergies, or conditions that concern you, the MGA MAC asks that you please consult your doctor for a detailed risk-and-benefit discussion before receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.

*This update is not to be used as a substitute for medical advice. The MGA MAC will continue to monitor CDC updates and will make recommendations accordingly.

The medical advisory committee of the MGA is committed to supporting patients with myasthenia gravis. The following members of the committee have reviewed and approved this document:

Dr. Richard Barohn, Dr. Mazen Dimachkie, Dr. Constantine Farmakidis, Dr. Vernita Hairston, and Dr. Mamatha Pasnoor

A MESSAGE FROM THE MGA'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We're over 18 months into the C- word and no, I'm not talking about cancer or coffee! I've been trying to think about how to write this blurb without using the word, "new normal" but I've come up empty.

So, while you are figuring out your "new normal" and re-emerging to life post vaccines or during this stage of COVID-19, we want you to know the MGA is working to vary content and provide it on many different levels and situations to meet different comfort levels. You'll notice many of our groups are moving back to in-person, however; we will continue to offer a monthly virtual group where anybody is welcome. We've expanded to 13 different groups, so the key is finding one that is in your area and one that *you* are comfortable with. To say all of this with the understanding for the need to be flexible and we may need to change things.

The MGA recognizes that myasthenia gravis can very much be an individualized disease. After all, that is why we are all called "snowflakes." We want you to find your home in this journey and what works for your lifestyle. If we do not have something that works, suggest it to us and maybe it will be a possibility. Just like Carol Hunt did in late 2019; she suggested that a "lunch bunch" support group would be more up her alley and closer to her home. Hence, the Eastsiders Lunch Bunch was born.

Give yourself grace. Not only are you battling a chronic illness but you are figuring out how to re-emerge from a global pandemic. We hope to connect with you soon!

Allison Foss, Executive Director
allisonfoss@mgakc.org

SAVE THE DATE

August 27th: 4th Annual Cy's Crown Town Trivia Night

October 9th: NW Arkansas Annual Conference

October 30th: 61st Annual Meeting

November 13th: St. Louis Educational Forum

*Keep up to date with all of our activities and events by checking out the MGA calendar at **www.mgakc.org**

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Immunovant resumes clinical trial for myasthenia gravis

You may recall back to our Annual Meeting in 2020 when the clinical trial of IMVT-1401 was shared and discussed. In February, it was announced that the clinical trial was on pause. In early June, the news was released that it was in fact heading to phase 3. To learn more about the status of the clinical trial, take a look at the release below from Globe Newswire.

Immunovant, Inc. (Nasdaq: IMVT), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on enabling normal lives for people with autoimmune diseases, today provided a corporate update and reported financial results for its fiscal fourth quarter and fiscal year ended March 31, 2021.

“Following a program-wide data review, we remain confident in our plan to develop IMVT-1401 across a broad range of autoimmune indications. We look forward to constructive dialogue with regulatory agencies and plan to resume clinical development of IMVT-1401, including in a potentially pivotal trial in Myasthenia Gravis and in a phase two study of Warm Autoimmune Hemolytic Anemia in late 2021 or early 2022. We also plan to initiate two additional studies in the next twelve months after discussions with regulators.” said Pete Salzmann, M.D., Chief Executive Officer of Immunovant.

In a program-wide review, the company observed increases in LDL in multiple studies that were consistent, dose-related, and appear to be driven by reductions in albumin levels. No relationship to levels of thyroid hormone was observed. The increases in LDL and reductions in albumin were reversible upon cessation of dosing, and no major adverse cardiovascular events have been reported to date. Consultations with expert medical advisors have reinforced the company’s belief that Immunovant will be able to manage these changes within its development program via monitoring and management criteria, adjustments to dosing, and individualized anti-lipid therapy as appropriate.

Dr. Salzmann noted: “While both the 340mg and 680mg weekly doses demonstrated substantial reductions in IgG, the 255mg dose also achieved significant IgG reductions but without the same extent of undesired reductions in albumin or related increases in LDL.” IgG reductions in the Thyroid Eye Disease (TED) study ranged from 62% in 255mg to 80% in the 680mg arm. Dr. Salzmann continued: “These results present an opportunity for flexibility in dosing, dose intervals, and a lower-volume injection to explore in our future clinical trials.” Further, the company noted that in a post-hoc analysis of all patients who entered trials of IMVT-1401 on statins, only minimal LDL increases were seen across a variety of doses and indications.

Pending agreement from regulatory agencies, Immunovant plans to return to the clinic and initiate a pivotal MG trial in late 2021 or early 2022 as well as resume its trial in WAIHA on a similar timeframe. The company plans to initiate at least two additional clinical studies over the next 12 months, including another pivotal trial in 2022.

Stay strong with the “Strength” blend

Don’t forget to buy your “Strength” blend coffee benefitting the Myasthenia Gravis Association. This special blend was created at the Roasterie, Kansas City’s only air-roasted coffee company!

Additionally, our “Strength” blend has a beautiful label designed by our very own MGA community member, Kelsey Coleman. Coleman is a recent graphic design graduate from the University of Kansas living with myasthenia gravis.

To purchase a bag, head to https://theroasterie.com/product/strength-blend/

MYASTHENIA GRAVIS CLINICAL TRIAL UPDATES

KUMC CLINICAL TRIAL UPDATES

Contact: Samantha Colgan, CCRP
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TRIAL ID: NCT04735432
A Phase III, Randomized, Open-Label Study Evaluating the Pharmacodynamic Noninferiority of Efgartigimod PH20 Administered Subcutaneously as Compared to Efgartigimod Administered Intravenously in Patients With Generalized Myasthenia Gravis
PI: Mamatha Pasnoor, M.D.

TRIAL ID: NCT04524273
A Phase III, Randomized, Double-blind, Multicenter, Placebo-controlled Phase 3 Study with Open-label Period to Evaluate the Efficacy and Safety of Inebilizumab in Adults with Myasthenia Gravis
PI: Mamatha Pasnoor, M.D.

TRIAL ID: NCT04159805
A Phase II, Randomized, Placebo-Controlled Study to Evaluate Safety, Tolerability, and Efficacy of TAK-079 in Patients With Generalized Myasthenia Gravis
PI: Mazen Dimachkie, M.D.

MU CLINICAL TRIAL UPDATES

Currently, **there are no clinical trial updates for MU**.
For information regarding clinical trials:
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SLU CLINICAL TRIAL UPDATES

Currently, **there are no clinical trial updates for SLU**.
For information regarding SLU clinical trials:
Head to: https://clinicaltrials.gov/

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WASHU CLINICAL TRIAL UPDATES

Currently, **there are no clinical trial updates for WASHU**.
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- Search condition or disease: myasthenia gravis
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Record-breaking 10th Annual MGA Triple Crown Showdown

While the weather conditions were not ideal on Sunday May 16, 2021 for our 10th Annual MGA Triple Crown Showdown, other pieces of the event were ideal. Like the record breaking 518 participants that signed up to participate, including 41 VIPs (participants and volunteers with myasthenia gravis) as well as over $58,000 raised for the Myasthenia Gravis Association!

The money raised through the Triple Crown Showdown supports programs and services across the heartland (Kansas, Missouri and NW Arkansas) and is a vital component for the consistency and continuity of what we do! We are very grateful for our partners and sponsors who weathered the storm with us. We can't wait to see you next year! Be sure to put May 15, 2022 on your calendar for the 11th Annual!

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4th Annual Cy's Crown Town Trivia Night is coming!

Name the Myasthenia Gravis Association event that occurs every year, typically filled with fun facts, a silent and live auction, and an evening of lively entertainment: You guessed it, the Annual Cy's Crown Town Trivia Night!

Join us on Friday, August 27th at the Vox Theatre for the 4th Annual Cy's Crown Town Trivia Night. COVID-19 provided a lot of downtime last year, and we all know you have been sharpening your trivia skills and collecting useless information just in time for this special event! Did we mention there is a mac and cheese bar?

We are thrilled to have been chosen as the charity of choice by the Kansas City Iowa State Alumni Club once again this year and are grateful for their support and partnership to plan and pull off the event. Purchase your table of 10 for $650 or snag a couples ticket for $150 or an individual ticket for $80.

To purchase, head to www.mgakc.org under the events tab or contact Allison Foss at: allisonfoss@mgakc.org to reserve. If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation of goods or services for our live and silent auction, please contact Allison as well.

It's Okay to Ask for Help: Seeking Financial and Employment Resources

On clinic days, I get a lot of questions, but the topics patients seem to frequently inquire about are financial and employment resources. KC Program Coordinator, Tanya Renner, agrees. "Many of the patients I see are working less hours or are being laid off as a result of COVID-19. Thus, working has become difficult to navigate. The resources we recommend regarding finances and employment can help these patients get through challenging times."

MG patients will often tell me how they just can't seem to work a full day anymore or that they have to rest frequently. Sometimes people have to give up their jobs entirely due to their myasthenia gravis. Yet, some MG patients are able to work full-time jobs if their MG is well-controlled, another indication that this disease affects us all so differently.

More times than not though, newly diagnosed patients feel distressed by the financial burden of living with a chronic illness. Medications, co-pays, bloodwork….these are all added and unexpected expenses that eventually take a toll, and when you are unable to work full-time, it's a perfect storm.

Below is a list of financial and employment resources I regularly refer my patients to. In fact, I have even used some of them myself. There is no shame in seeking support, that's why these resources exist. If you have any questions regarding resources, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to help.

- **Chronically Capable** : https://www.wearecapable.org//
- **FlexJobs** : https://www.flexjobs.com
- **GoodRx** : https://www.goodrx.com/
- **Job Accommodation Network** : https://askjan.org/
- **NORD** : https://rarediseases.org/for-patients-and-families/help-access-medications/patient-assistance-programs-2/
- **Need Help Paying Bills** : https://www.needhelppayingbills.com/
- **NeedyMeds** : https://www.needymeds.org/
- **Patient Advocate Foundation** : https://www.patientadvocate.org/
- **Rx Outreach** : https://rxoutreach.org/
- **Senior & Disability Resources (Statewide)** : https://health.mo.gov/seniors/resources/statewide-resources.php#m
- **SSDI** : https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/disability/
- **SSI** : https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/ssi/
- **The Assistance Fund** : https://tafcares.org/
- **United Way** : https://www.211.org/about-us/your-local-211 or dial 2-1-1

For all other resources, financial and employment included, head to our resource page at: **http://www.mgakc.org/new-resource-library.html**

Cool Summer: An Update on Young Friends of MGA

As a young adult living with MG, I find that I am presented with different challenges compared to those in other patient populations. While we all share the same diagnosis, many of us are in different life stages. As I enter my 30s, I am hoping to connect with other individuals similar in age.

The MGA has two established groups specifically for our young friends; one in Kansas City and one in St. Louis. During the pandemic, we were able to join our KC and STL groups virtually, an environment most Gen Xs, Millennials, and Gen Zs are comfortable with. Nevertheless, starting late July and early August, the MGA will reintroduce in-person meetings for our fellow young adults this summer!

What can you expect at a meeting for Young Friends of MGA?
Fellowship, familiarity, and of course, fun! The YF groups are designed to provide support to a specific community that is often overlooked in the MG world. Bryan Bosch, a member of our KC Young Friends group stated, “Being able to get out of the house for a few hours and spend time with others who have MG without focusing on MG allows me to feel a little bit of normalcy and freedom from our disease!"

The St. Louis Young Friends Group was established right before COVID-19 hit; however, we are still looking for members! If you have MG or know someone who has MG, identify as a young adult, and want to be a part of a supportive community, you have come to the right place! Our meetings are very casual and usually at a fun, local setting. Joining one of our groups is a great way to get involved in your community, make long-lasting friendships, and support a worthy mis-

Young Friends of the MGA- St. Louis	Young Friends of the MGA- Kansas City
9 Mile Garden Tue Jul 27, 6:00 pm	Strang Hall Tue Aug 3, 6:00 pm

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Have you been keeping up with our blog, ***MGA Digest***? St. Louis Program Coordinator, Meridith O’Connor recently wrote about her experience moving with a chronic illness. Check out her helpful tips when it comes to moving with myasthenia gravis. For the full article, head to our blog!

Maintain your health. Stress plays a big role in the severity of MG, and I have noticed my eye drooping significantly more due to all the stress that is involved. I am meditating twice a day and taking my medicine diligently because I know that without my strength, the moving will not get done!

Organize your belongings in stages. When I have too much stuff around my place, I find that I get really overwhelmed, most likely because I know the strength and energy it takes to straighten my place back up. Less is more for those living with MG so take this opportunity to find a system that works for you.

Visualize your new space. If you are moving into a place with unique features that may impact your MG, research ways to make adaptations. For example, my new place has two floors. I know there will be days when I am too exhausted to go up the stairs, thus, I am in the process of making an “essentials” bag to keep downstairs if the time ever comes that I need to just stay on the ground level.

Enjoy the new chapter. I know for me, I get caught up in the stress, the anxiety, the fear, the weakness, the adjustments…Change can be scary but when you find yourself frazzled or fatigued, remember that positive life changes are the birth of new and wonderful beginnings!

You May Be Able To Help Researchers Understand More About MG

See if you are eligible to join this two-year-long **MyRealWorld™ MG** study.

MyRealWorld™ MG is a global research project focused on understanding myasthenia gravis. The study relies on anonymous data recorded in the **MyRealWorld™ MG** app by adult patients diagnosed with MG. The more information the study collects, the more researchers may be able to understand MG and how it shapes the lives of people who live with it every day.

Why you may want to participate:

- **You may be able to help increase understanding** by joining this international study of myasthenia gravis.
- **You may be able to help researchers and the medical community** better understand the lives of people living with MG.
- **You may learn more about MG** through educational content provided via the app.
- **Your participation may support the larger MG community** by increasing knowledge about the patient experience.

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Once you download the **MyRealWorld™ MG** app, you'll be asked to set up a medical profile where you can record information about your MG experience and management. You'll also receive regular surveys about additional diagnoses, symptoms and your daily-life activities. Over a two-year period, the **MyRealWorld™ MG** app aims to capture more real-world evidence data of MG's effects than ever before.

HOW TO JOIN THE STUDY.

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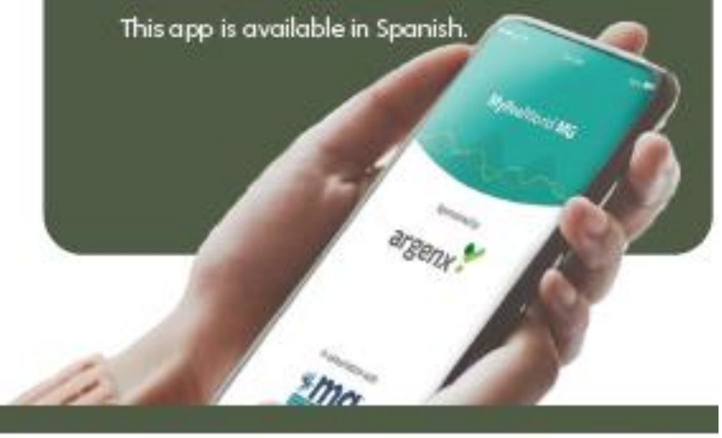
This app is available in Spanish.



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Kansas City, MO	October 30th	10am-12:00pm	St. Joseph Medical Center Auditorium 1000 Carondelet Drive, Kansas City, MO 64114 RSVP tanyarenner@mgakc.org or (816) 256-4100
KC Northland		noon-1:30pm	RSVP for location RSVP tanyarenner@mgakc.org or (816) 256-4100
Mid-Missouri	August 19th	6:30-8pm	COSMO Park– Harris Shelter 1615 Business Loop 70 W, Columbia, MO 65202 RSVP tanyarenner@mgakc.org or (816) 256-4100
Springfield, MO	TBD	6-8pm	JULY MEETING POSTPONED. Stay tuned for new date!
St. Louis	August 14th	10:00-11:30am	Glendale City Hall 424 N. Sappington Road, Glendale, MO 63133 RSVP tanyarenner@mgakc.org or 816-256-4100
Wichita, KS	September 25th	9:00-10:30am	Linwood Park Ball Diamonds 1901 S. Kansas Ave, Wichita, KS Contact: Dana or Larry Paxson for more info or to RSVP dkptiffany@gmail.com or (316) 269-9120
Young Friends of the MGA Group– Kansas City	August 3rd	6pm	Strang Hall 7313 W. 80th Street, Overland Park, KS 66204 RSVP to Allison Foss allisonfoss@mgakc.org
Young Friends of the MGA Group-STL	July 27th	6pm	9 Mile Garden 9375 Gravois Road, Affton, MO 63123 RSVP to Meridith O'Connor meridithoconnor@mgakc.org
Northwest, AR	August 15th	2:30-4:30pm	Schmieding Center for Senior Health 2422 N. Thompson, Springdale, AR Contact: Roger Huff for more info or to RSVP jrhuff1@cox.net or (479) 790-3022
Topeka, KS	September 9th	6-8pm	Location- Lake Shawnee Shelter #1 3137 SE 29th Street, Topeka, KS 66605 RSVP tanyarenner@mgakc.org or 816-256-4100
Eastsiders Lunch Bunch	3rd Wednesday of the month	11am	Location- Blue Springs Park 2204 SW South Ave, Blue Springs, MO 64015 RSVP carolhunt04@yahoo.com
Virtual Monthly Meet Up	3rd Monday of the month	6:30pm	Meets via Zoom RSVP tanyarenner@mgakc.org or 816-256-4100
Youth Group	September 7th	5:00pm	Meets via Zoom RSVP tanyarenner@mgakc.org or 816-256-4100

Decision anticipated in national coverage for plasmapheresis

A decision is expected later this month on whether or not the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) will formally retire the national policy that is in place for the usage of plasmapheresis. If the national coverage policy is retired it could severely limit the regional coverage usage of plasmapheresis as a lifesaving measure for people with myasthenia gravis.

The actual policy for physician fee schedule is NCD 110.14 and has been in place for nearly 30 years. The proposal that is in review for retiring the language for national coverage would mean that coverage decisions would come down regionally for Medicare and Medicare. In turn, it could also impact private insurance companies and coverage.

A consistent, national plan would benefit and protect all in the myasthenia gravis community and ensure that there is access.

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Supreme Court Upholds Affordable Care Act

The following article was published in the Muscular Dystrophy Association blog, votervoice.net on June 17, 2021. The MDA was one of the patient organizations advocating on behalf of those with pre-existing conditions.

Washington, D.C.— The nation's leading patient advocacy groups are praising the U.S. Supreme Court ruling today upholding the health care law known as the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). The Court ruled the plaintiff states and taxpayers did not have standing to bring the suit. The justices determined that without a financial penalty, the individual mandate does not result in the type of concrete injury required to bring a lawsuit. The dismissal leaves in place protections for people with pre-existing conditions and minimum insurance coverage standards.

Following is a joint statement from the groups, which include the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, American Diabetes Association, American Heart Association, American Lung Association, and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society along with more than a dozen others. The groups representing millions of patients with serious illnesses filed a joint amicus brief in support of upholding the law:

"This ruling is a victory for people with serious illnesses such as cancer, heart disease, stroke, lung disease, diabetes, neurological conditions, mental illness, and anyone suffering long-term effects from COVID-19. These patients and millions more rely on the law's critical patient protections to obtain more affordable, comprehensive health coverage.

"This decision ensures that essential patient protections will remain in place, including those prohibiting insurance companies from denying coverage or charging more for coverage to people with pre-existing conditions, requiring health plans to offer essential benefits needed to prevent and treat serious conditions and eliminating arbitrary dollar limits on coverage. Federal tax credits that make health insurance affordable for millions of Americans will continue. The 39 states that depend on federal funding to help provide critical Medicaid coverage to low-income adults will also have funds to continue to offer increased access to that safety-net coverage.

"Millions of Americans benefit from these fundamental protections. Today's ruling leaves in place the health care law's critical access to quality health coverage for more Americans."

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Have an idea for a fundraiser in your community? Contact us today at allisonfoss@mgakc.org! Your financial support enables us to continue reaching patients across the heartland.

In Memoriam

<u>Loren Engelbrecht</u>
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The Mission of the MGA

The Myasthenia Gravis Association (MGA) is dedicated to improving the quality of life for those who are affected by this autoimmune, neuromuscular disease, through awareness, education and patient services.