



MYASTHENIA GRAVIS FACTS

- Is a chronic autoimmune neuromuscular disorder
- Affects people of all ages, genders & ethnicities
- Is more common in women under 40 and men over 60
- Affects 14-20 per 100,000 people
- Causes fluctuating weakness in voluntary muscles
- Affects muscles that control eye movements, eyelids, chewing, swallowing, breathing, coughing and facial expression, as well as the arms and legs

ABOUT US

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CONQUER MYASTHENIG GRAVIS

Conquer MG (formerly known as the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of Illinois) has been serving myasthenia gravis patients since 1972. We help MG patients “on the ground” in Illinois, northwest Indiana and southeast Wisconsin. Our online presence has a national – even international – reach.

OUR MISSION

To facilitate the timely diagnosis and optimal care of individuals affected by myasthenia gravis and to improve their lives through programs of patient services, public awareness, medical research, professional education, advocacy and patient care.

Our pillars of service:

- Support
- Education
- Awareness
- Research funding

2022: OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

We're proud of our past - including many years of education programs, research funding since 2010, a local financial support program, and diverse support group connections. We're excited for a future being shaped by new MG treatments in development and virtual access to resources.

VIRTUAL VIKING CHALLENGE 2020: YEAR 10!

The Challenge began in 2013 as the "Strides Against MG Walk" and has evolved as a successful in-person and virtual to raise awareness and funds. In 2020, the event will honor the memory of MG advocate and Conquer MG Trustee Tracy Shackelford.

IN THE NEWS

Conquer MG's Board Chair Bob Rosecrans and Executive Director Joan Wincentsen were quoted in the February 2022 issue of Brain & Life.

New Myasthenia Gravis Drugs Offer More Options to Patients

<https://www.brainandlife.org/articles/new-myasthenia-gravis-drugs-offer-more-options>

How to Pay for Myasthenia Gravis Medication

<https://www.brainandlife.org/articles/how-to-pay-for-myasthenia-gravis-medication#>

RECENT CONQUER MG INITIATIVES

- 2022: Conquer MG shows **real life MG** with the video interview series Myasthenia Gravis: Finding Strength One Day at a Time
- 2020: We began to address wellness topics for those with myasthenia: MG and nutrition, exercise, and stress management
- 2019: **Conquer MG joined MGN**et, a consortium of academic institutions, other patient advocacy groups, and biotech/pharma companies, to fund cutting edge MG research.

TALK TO KEY TEAM MEMBERS



Executive Director
Joan Wincentsen –
Has held this role since
2013. Joan has first-hand
knowledge of MG
symptoms, treatments,
and (best of all) remission.

“The encouragement I received from others to get back to work and the activities I love was invaluable. I want to offer others the same.”



Board Chair
Bob Rosecrans -
Holds a PhD in
biochemistry and
served as a lab director
and educator for
pathology residents for
NorthShore University
HealthSystem's

Department of Pathology. Currently semi-retired, he works as a laboratory consultant in the Department of Pathology at Northwest Community Healthcare. “I believe in the mission of Conquer MG and want to help and support members of our community.”