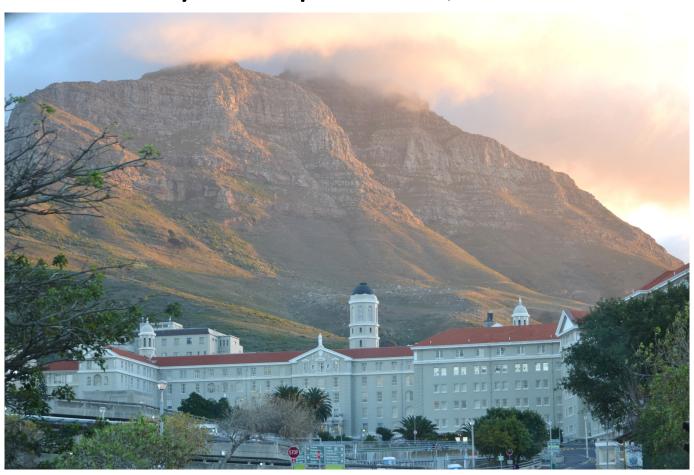
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Disclosure

• None

Fatigability in the clinic

Ptosis

- Increasing "retrocollis"
- Overactivity of frontalis
- Lid twitch
- Rest test





Fatigable EOM weakness (MGC) vs ophthalmoparesis

Dysconjugate catch-up saccades

Ophthalmologic manifestations in myasthenia gravis: presentation and prognosis

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Photo: Paul Ajamian,











resis of upward gaze on maximal attempted elevation; (B) conjugated paresis of maximal attempted leftward gaze; r prednisone treatment.

Evoli A, et al. J Neurol Neurosurg Psychiatry 2017;0:1-3. doi:10

AChR+/SN MG

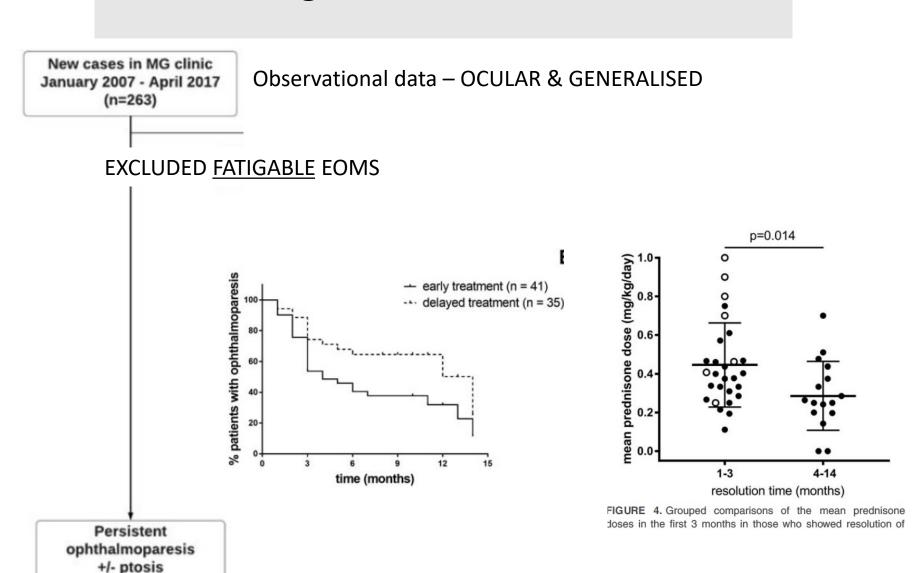
asymmetry EOM paresis

MuSK+ MG

symmetrical

Top: < Is Rx Bottom > Is Rx

Dr, how long before the meds work?



(n=87)

Muscle Nerve 58:542-549, 2018

Ther Adv Neurol Disord 2022, Vol. 15: 1–14

30-50% adult OMG develop_(a) GMG in 2-3 yrs?

N=275 Germany; N=200 China most did not use prednisone <6mo. of OM sx.

Older people risk of GMG > 4-6 yrs

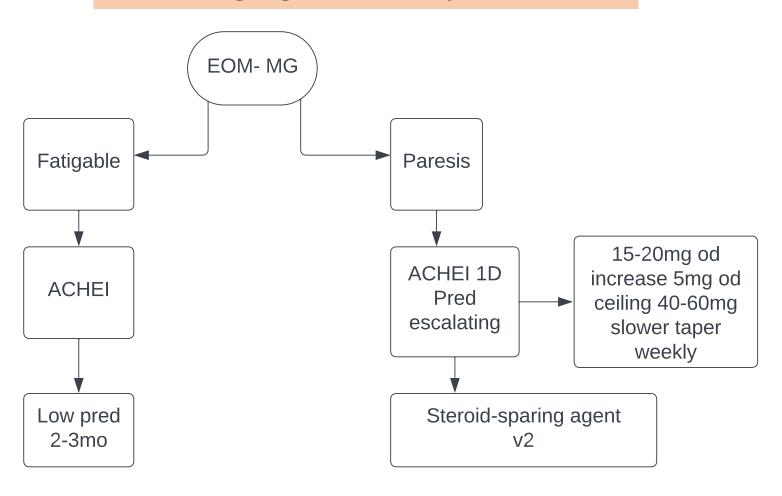
1.0-90 0.8-90 0.4

30% GMG median 18-30 mo.

Juvenile OMG- higher risk among European vs Asian /African

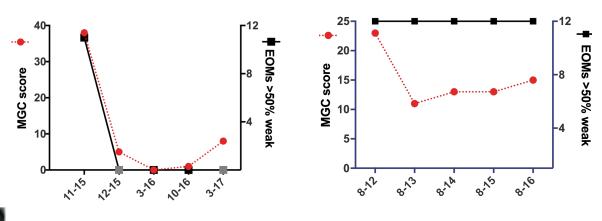
Immune treatment may change risk

Managing Ocular Myasthenia

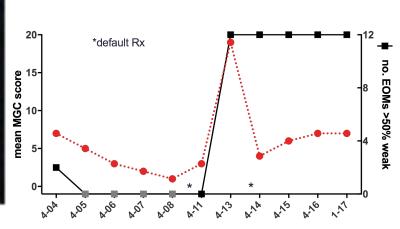


Subgroup of patients (generalized) MG AChR ab+* develop treatment-resistant ophthalmoplegia (TRO)

10% complete ophthalmoplegia at presentation







7-20% JMG =TRO

Neuromuscular Dis 2007

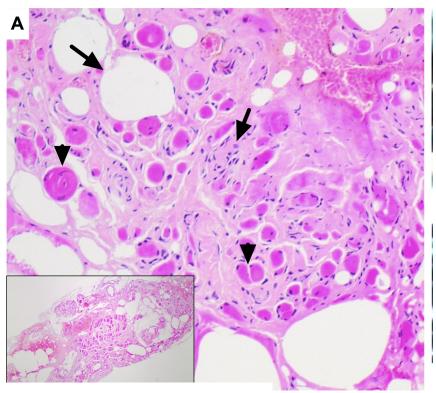
Trigger events?

doi: 10.1111/nyas.13471

Ann. N.Y. Acad. Sci. xxxx (2017)

Why do EOMs become treatment-refractory in MG

Paralyzed medial rectus from MG 3.5 years



J Neuro-Ophthalmol, 2017

vs normal MR re-aligned due to sensory exotropia

Histology: Fibro-fatty changes EOMs which cannot move

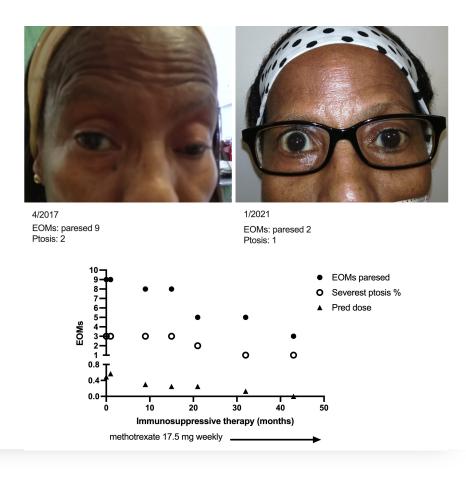
Eye Muscle MRI

Keene, 2023

Fibrofatty changes in EOM of chronic MG & CPEO & OPMD

vs acute MG and control

Delayed 'remodelling' is possible!



- IVIg and Rituximab not been useful in TRO
- MuSK-MG associated ophthalmoplegia improved years later (after rituximab)
- Lid elevation procedures in chronic ptosis (no lagophthalmos)

Learning points Ocular MG

20%: good prognosis – mild disease needs less

30-50% generalize < 2-3 years

Older people may generalize >4-6 years

Weak EOM
(NOT
fatigable) –
immune
therapy earlier