

# Curso de actualización en Miastenia Gravis

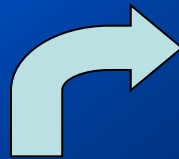
## Tratamiento intensivo de la crisis miastenica

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## Therapy of myasthenic crisis

Jörg Berrouschot, MD; Irene Baumann, MD; Petra Kalischewski, MD; Mario Sterker, MD; Dietmar Schneider, MD

Crit Care Med 1997 Vol. 25, No.7

Literature survey of the number of myasthenic crises (MC), crisis mortalities, and durations of mechanical ventilation (MV)

Author/Yr	Period	Patients With MG	No. of MC	Death in MC	Time on MV (day)	Additional Remarks
Tether (35) 1955	1942–1954	186	20	16 (80)	?	—
Osserman et al. (33) 1958	?	282	59	24 (41)	?	—
Osserman and Genkins (32) 1963	1951–1958	325	67	29 (43)	?	NPV
	1958–1962	300	47	8 (17)	?	PPV
Simpson et al. (34) 1966	1940–1965	295	34	?	?	—
Glaser (31) 1966	1966	80	20	8 (40)	?	MC and precrisis
Kunst (46) 1976	?	?	15	4 (27)	26	—
Cohen and Younger (1) 1981	1960–1980	447	91	23 (25)	14	Cholinergic drugs + P
	1960–1969	?	48	18 (38)	?	
	1970–1980	?	43	5 (12)	?	
Oosterhuis (16) 1981	1960–1980	432	80	32 (40)	?	With P, mortality rate: 1/27; without P, mortality rate: 31/53
Gracey et al. (5) 1983	1978–1979	288	22	1 (5)	8	15 P; 2 PE
Sellman and Mayer (10) 1985	?	32	20	0	33	Age 52–85 yrs; 7 PE
Voigt (47) 1986	1962–1982	?	38	3 (8)	12	—
Chang and Fink (38) 1992	1983–1991	?	35	0	14	24 PE
Berrouschot et al. 1997	1970–1995	235	63	8 (13)	9	21 PE

MG, myasthenia gravis; ?, not described in the source; —, no additional remarks; NPV, negative-pressure ventilation; PPV, positive-pressure ventilation; P, prednisolone; PE, plasma exchange.

Values in parentheses are percentages.

# Incidence and mortality rates of myasthenia gravis and myasthenic crisis in US hospitals

Alshekhlee et al, Neurology 2009

## Univariate analysis of mortality for myasthenia gravis hospital-associated complications

Hospital complications	No. of deaths (%)	OR (95% CI)	p Value
All respiratory failure	63 (11.4)	10.8 (7.5, 15.7)	<0.0001
Respiratory failure needing endotracheal intubation	47 (10.8)	8.2 (5.6, 12.0)	<0.0001
Respiratory failure needing positive airway pressure ventilation without endotracheal intubation	11 (8.4)	4.4 (2.3, 8.4)	<0.0001
Cardiac complications	23 (6.8)	3.78 (2.4, 6.0)	<0.0001
Sepsis	4 (14.8)	7.32 (2.5, 21.4)	<0.0001
Deep vein thrombosis	1 (14.3)	7.5 (0.89, 62.5)	0.03

## Independent predictors of in-hospital mortality in myasthenia gravis (MG)

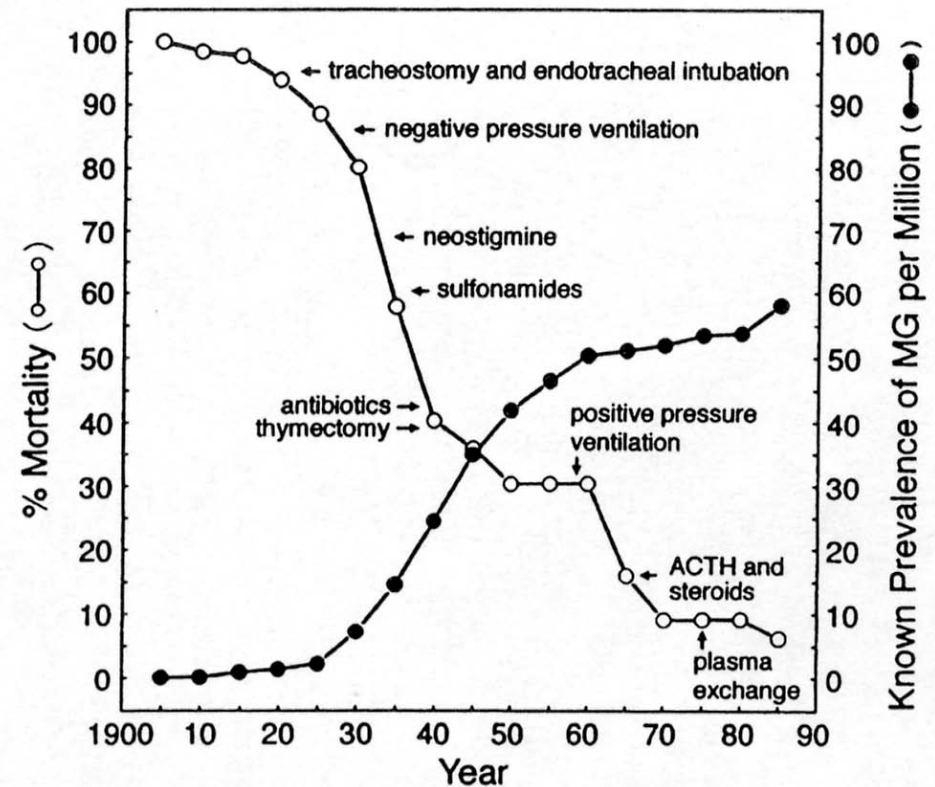
Predictors	OR (95% CI)
Age, y	
50-70 vs <50	9.28 (3.31, 26.0)
75+ vs <50	24.7 (8.99, 67.9)
Diagnosis of myasthenia crisis according to the ICD-9-CM code	1.99 (1.20, 3.30)
MG with coexisting respiratory failure	3.58 (2.01, 6.38)
MG with coexisting respiratory failure needing endotracheal intubation	1.77 (1.02, 3.06)
MG with coexisting respiratory failure needing positive airway pressure ventilation	1.86 (0.92, 3.76)

The Hosmer and Lemeshow test  $p = 0.17$  with maximum variance inflation of the model was 2.19.

ICD-9-CM = International Classification of Diseases, 9th edition-Clinical Modification; OR = odds ratio; CI = confidence interval.

# CRISIS MIASTÉNICA

- ENTIDAD CLÍNICA POCO FRECUENTE
- NECESIDAD DE VM (VMNI ??)
- POTENCIALMENTE FATAL
- PRESENTE EN EL 15-20% DE MG



# CAUSAS DESENCADENANTES DE CM

- INFECCIÓN (RESPIRATORIA)
- ESTRÉS (CIRUGÍA)
- EMBARAZO
- FÁRMACOS
- MEDICACIÓN INMUNOMODULADORA
- IDIOPÁTICA (30%)

# FÁRMACOS QUE EMPEORAN MG

- BLOQUEANTES NEUROMUSCULARES
- ANTIBIÓTICOS: Aminoglucósidos, Macrólidos, Quinolonas, Clindamicina
- CARDIOVASCULARES: B-Bloqueantes, Ca antagonistas, Procainamida, Quinidina
- FENITOINA
- QUININA
- CORTICOIDES
- SALES DE Mg (antiácidos laxantes)
- CONTRASTES YODADOS
- D- PENICILAMINA
- HORMONAS TIROIDEAS

### Drugs that may unmask or exacerbate myasthenia gravis\*

<b>Anesthetic agents</b>	<b>Antirheumatic drugs</b>
Chloroprocaine	Chloroquine
Diazepam	Penicillamine
Ether	<b>Cardiovascular drugs</b>
Halothane	Beta blockers
Ketamine	Bretylum
Lidocaine	Procainamide
Neuromuscular blocking agents	Propafenone
Propanidid	Quinidine
Procaine	Verapamil and calcium channel blockers
<b>Antibiotics</b>	<b>Glucocorticoids</b>
<b>Aminoglycosides</b>	Corticotropin
Amikacin	Methylprednisolone
Gentamicin	Prednisone
Kanamycin	<b>Neuromuscular blockers and muscle relaxants</b>
Neomycin	Botulinum toxin
Netilmicin	Magnesium sulfate and magnesium salts
Paromomycin	Methocarbamol
Spectinomycin	<b>Ophthalmologic drugs</b>
Streptomycin	Betaxolol
Tobramycin	Echothiophate
<b>Fluoroquinolones</b>	Timolol
Ciprofloxacin	Tropicamide
Levofloxacin	Proparacaine
Norfloxacin	<b>Other drugs</b>
<b>Others</b>	Anticholinergics
Ampicillin	Carnitine
Clarithromycin	Cholinesterase inhibitors
Clindamycin	Deferoxamine
Colistin	Diuretics
Erythromycin	Emetine (Ipecac syrup)
Lincomycin	Interferon alpha
Quinine	Iodinated contrast agents
Tellithromycin	Narcotics
Tetracyclines	Oral contraceptives
<b>Anticonvulsants</b>	Oxytocin
Gabapentin	Ritonavir and antiretroviral protease inhibitors
Phenytoin	Statins
Trimethadione	Thyroxine
<b>Antipsychotics</b>	
Chlorpromazine	
Lithium	
Phenothiazines	

\* Drugs listed here should be used with caution in patients with myasthenia gravis. Aminoglycosides should be used only if absolutely necessary with close monitoring. Please refer to the text for further information.

## CAUSAS PREDISPONENTES AL FALLO RESPIRATORIO EN CM

- Debilidad de músculos faciales y/o orofaríngeos
- Debilidad de musculatura inspiratoria
- Debilidad de musculatura espiratoria
- Complicaciones respiratorias agudas propias de la enfermedad

# Clinica respiratoria asociada con descenso de la CV

## CV

>65 ml-kg

30 ml-kg

20 ml-kg

15 ml-kg

10 ml-kg

5-10 ml-kg

## Manifestación

Función respiratoria Normal

Tos débil, retención, secreciones

Atelectasias

Shunt

Hipoventilación

Hipercapnia

# Signos de fallo respiratorio y necesidad de IOT

- SIGNOS GENERALES DE ALARMA:
  - Aumento de debilidad generalizada
  - Disfagia
  - Disfonía
  - Disnea de reposo
- SIGNOS SUBJETIVOS
  - Respiración rápida y superficial
  - Tos débil
  - Taquicardia
  - Usos de musculos respiratorios accesorios
  - Respiración paradójica
  - Ortopnea
  - Imposibilidad de contar sin respirar
  - Toser despues de tragar
- SIGNOS OBJETIVOS
  - CVC < 15 ml/kg, PIM < -30; PEM < 40



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presiones máximas pulmonares



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PEM



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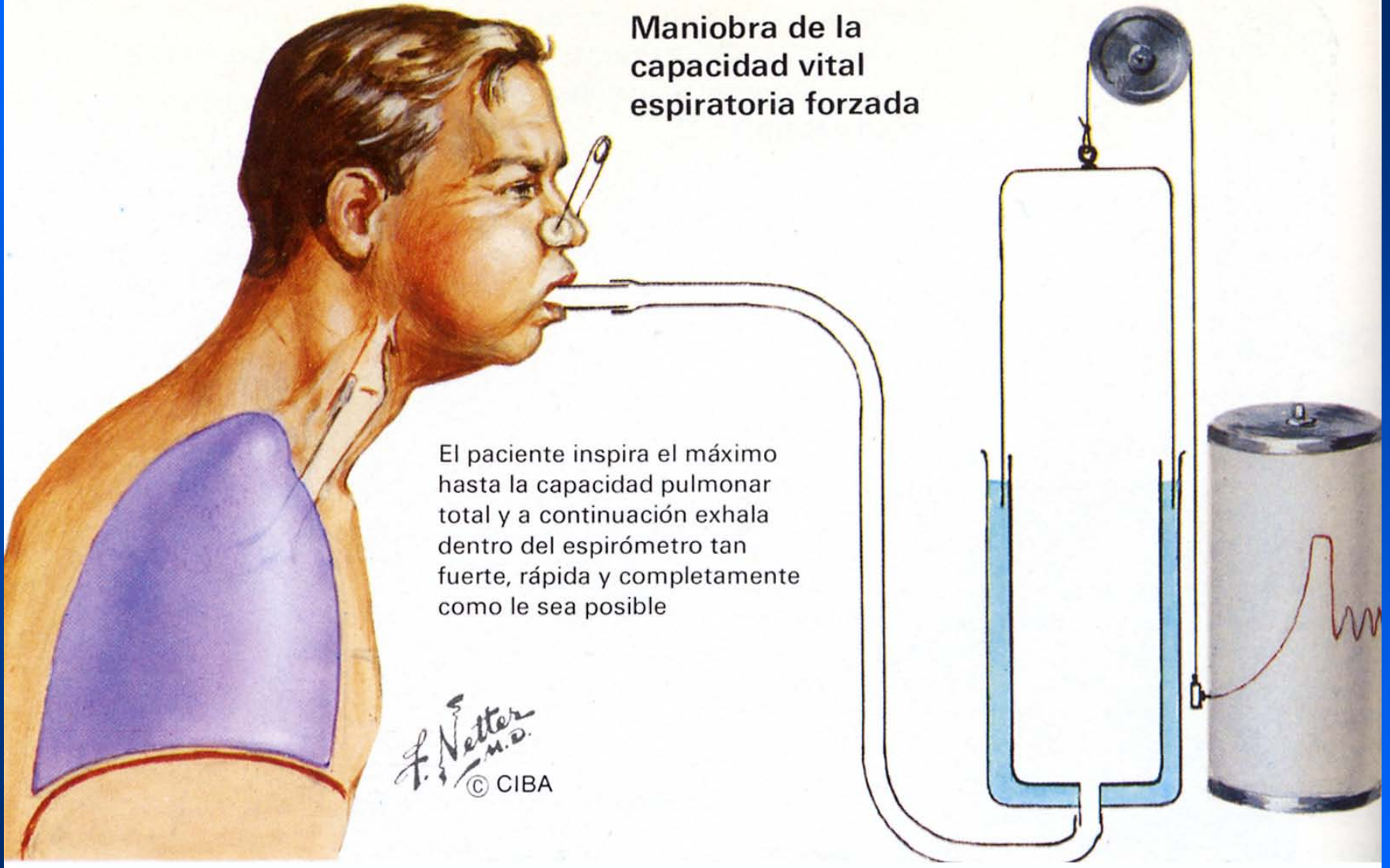
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## Maniobra de la capacidad vital espiratoria forzada

El paciente inspira el máximo hasta la capacidad pulmonar total y a continuación exhala dentro del espirómetro tan fuerte, rápida y completamente como le sea posible

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## The repeated measurement of vital capacity is a poor predictor of the need for mechanical ventilation in myasthenia gravis

Clinical events associated with acute respiratory failure (Δ *Swallowing* abnormal swallowing function; Δ *Corticosteroids*, Δ *AntiCE* changes in the doses of corticosteroids (or initiation of the treatment), or anticholinesterase drugs within 48 h, +/0 presence or absence of a feature

Patient episodes	Respiratory (precipitating) events			Δ Swallowing	Events associated with treatments (within 48 h)			Others
	Intubation (days)	Infection (chest X-ray)	Atelectases (chest X-ray)		Δ Corticosteroids	Δ AntiCE	Sedatives	
1/1	14	0	0	+	0	+	0	Plasmaphereses
1/2	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0
1/3	2	0	0	+	0	+	0	Immunoglobulins
1/4	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	0
2	7	+	+	+	+	+	0	Plasmaphereses
3/1	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	Plasmaphereses Cyclophosphamide
3/2	0 <sup>a</sup>	+	0	+	0	+	0	Cyclophosphamide
4	2	+	0	0	0	0	+	0
5/1	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	Plasmaphereses
5/2	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0

<sup>a</sup> Non-invasive (nasal) mechanical ventilation when vital capacity was <650 ml (13 ml/kg BW)

Vital capacities (VC; ml/kg BW) and derived indices: comparison between intubation (MV) and nonintubation (NMV) episodes (means ± SD; Mann-Whitney U-test)

	MV episodes (n = 4)	NMV episodes (n = 6)	p
ICU admission	38 ± 12	26 ± 15	0.140
Median	31 ± 6	23 ± 13	0.291
Variance	98 ± 76	50 ± 60	0.142
VIVC <sup>a</sup>	6.3 ± 3.0	4.3 ± 3.1	0.291
Nadir VC	21 ± 9	11 ± 5	0.055
% Values < median	4 ± 8	47 ± 43	0.085

<sup>a</sup> VIVC, variation index of VC (see "Methods")

## **PULMONARY FUNCTION TESTS AND BLOOD GASES IN WORSENING MYASTHENIA GRAVIS**

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- 42 pacientes que tuvieron 55 ingresos en UVI
- Pacientes con : CV > 20ml-Kg, PIM >-40cm H<sub>2</sub>O, PEM>40cm H<sub>2</sub>O, raramente requirieron VM
- Un descenso del 30% o mas de la PIM predijo un grupo de alto riesgo de necesitar VM
- Hipercapnia fue mas frecuente en pacientes que requirieron VM

# DIAGNÓSTICO DIFERENCIAL CM

<b>LOCALIZACIÓN</b>	<b>ENFERMEDAD</b>
-Tronco cerebral	Infarto, hemorragia, lesión compresiva
-Médula	Compresión cervical
-Motoneurona	ELA , Poliomyelitis
-Raiz y nervios periféricos	GB, Porfiria intermitente aguda
-Unión neuromuscular	Sd miasteniforme, LE, Botulismo, Intox. organofosfolados, veneno araña/serpiente
-Músculo	CIP, miopatía Neuropatía diselectrolitemia

## Commonly used therapies for myasthenia gravis

	Time to onset of effect*	Time to maximal effect*
<b>Symptomatic therapy</b>		
Pyridostigmine	10 to 15 minutes	2 hours
<b>Chronic immunotherapies</b>		
Prednisone	2 to 3 weeks	5 to 6 months
Azathioprine	6 to 12 months	1 to 2 years
Mycophenolate mofetil	4 to 12 months	1 year
Cyclosporine	4 to 6 months	8 to 12 months
<b>Rapid immunotherapies</b>		
Plasmapheresis	1 to 7 days	1 to 3 weeks
Intravenous immune globulin	1 to 2 weeks	1 to 3 weeks
<b>Surgery</b>		
Thymectomy	1 to 10 years	1 to 10 years

\*Estimated times are rough guidelines based upon clinical experience in myasthenia gravis



# IV immunoglobulin in patients with myasthenia gravis

## A randomized controlled trial

Lorne Zinman, MD, MSc; Eduardo Ng, MD; and Vera Bril, MD

Neurology 2007

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### 51 pacientes:

- Excluidos si trabajo respiratorio, ingreso en UVI o trastornos deglutorios
- IG 2g/kg Vs placebo
- QMG score (días 14 y 28)
- Beneficio significativo con IGs
- Nivel de evidencia I

# PLASMAFERESIS Y MG

- 1976: Pinching As. Lancet 1976: primer uso
- 1986: INS (USA) :Recomiendan Pf en MG aguda
- 1996: Academia Americana de Neurología: Mantiene uso de PF en MG aguda
- 1997: Gadjos P. Annals Neurology: Mejoría con PF a corto plazo
- 2005: Cochrane library: ???
- Grado de evidencia: ???

*Aféresis terapéutica en Miastenia gravis: Estudios controlados*

Referencia	Aleato-rizado	Contra placebo	Periodo evaluación	Tipo pacientes	Diseño estudio	Número casos	Resultados	Complicaciones	Comentarios
Kornfeld, 1979	No	No	Corto plazo (2 semanas)	Crisis miasténica	UCI general vs UCI + PF (días alternos)	12 (6 + 6)	Mejoría 100% grupo PF vs ninguno en grupo control	No describen	Pocos datos clínicos o del tratamiento asociado
Newsom-Davis, 1979	No	No	Largo plazo (1 año)	Casos crónicos	Pred + Azat vs Pred + Azat + PF	14 (7 + 7)	Situación funcional igual al año	No describen	Todos los casos de PF mejoran tras sesión terapéutica
Gajdos, 1983	Sí	No	Largo plazo (1 año)	Casos crónicos y agudos	Pred + Azat vs Pred + Azat + PF	14 (7 + 7)	Situación funcional igual al año. PF eficaz en crisis miasténica	No describen	Muestra pequeña y heterogénea
Gajdos, 1997	Sí	No	Corto plazo (2 semanas)	Casos crónicos y agudos	PF días alternos vs IGIV 0,4 g /kg/ día, 3 ó 5 días	87 (41 +23 + 23)	Situación funcional igual al año	Con PF: 8/41 Con IGIV: 1/46	Muestra pequeña para detectar diferencias
Yeh, 1999	Sí	No	Corto plazo (2 semanas)	Casos crónicos y agudos	PF diaria vs PF días alternos	30 (15 + 15)	Mayor eficacia pauta diaria ( $p < 0,05$ )	3% casos (hipotensión)	Único estudio que compara ambas pautas
Qureshi, 1999	No	No	Corto plazo (1 mes)	Crisis miasténica	PF días alternos vs IGIV 0,4 g/kg/ día, 5 días	51 (27 + 24)	Mayor eficacia de PF a la 2ª ( $p = 0,002$ ) y 4ª ( $p = 0,04$ ) semanas	Con PF: 13/27 Con IGIV: 5/24 ( $p = 0,07$ )	Estudio retrospectivo
Pérez-Nellar, 2001	No	No	Corto plazo (2 semanas)	Casos Pre-timectomía	PF días alternos vs IGIV 0,4 g/kg/ día, 5 días	71 (38 + 33)	Situación funcional igual post-timectomía	No encuentran diferencias significativas	Comparan tratamiento activo con IGIV vs serie retrospectiva de PF

Azat: azatioprina. IGIV: inmunoglobulinas intravenosas. PF: plasmáferesis. Pred: prednisona. UCI: unidad cuidados intensivos. vs: versus.

*Aféresis terapéutica en Miastenia gravis: Series de casos no controladas (n ≥ 20 casos)*

Referencia	Periodo evaluación	Tipo pacientes	Diseño Estudio	Número casos	Resultados (% pacientes tratados)	Complicaciones
Behan, 1979	Corto plazo	Casos crónicos	Pred + Azat + PF	21	Mejoría del 100%	No describen
Hawkey, 1981	Largo plazo (1 año)	Casos crónicos	Pred + Azat + PF	20	Mejoría del 100%	No describen
Olarte, 1981	Corto plazo	Casos crónicos	Pred + Azat + PF	21	Mejoría del 81%	Trombopenia (1 caso)
Dau, 1981	Corto plazo	Casos crónicos y agudos	Pred + Azat + PF	60	Mejoría del 73%	No describen
Fornasari, 1985	Corto plazo	Casos crónicos y agudos	Pred + Azat + PF	33	Mejoría del 60%	No describen
Antozzi, 1991	Corto plazo	Casos crónicos y agudos	Pred + Azat + PF	70	Mejoría del 70%	No describen
Shibuya, 1994	Corto plazo	Casos crónicos	Pred + Azat + IADS	20	Mejoría del 55%	Hipotensión (8 casos)
Muñoz-Blanco, 1999	Corto plazo	Casos agudos	Pred ± Azat + IADS	30	Mejoría del 93%	Hipotensión (13,8% casos)
Chiu, 2000	Corto plazo	Casos crónicos y agudos	DF, IADS, PF	94	Mejoría del 85%	Hipotensión (2,3% casos)
Carandina-Maffei, 2004	Corto plazo	Casos agudos y crónicos	Pred ± Azat + PF	26	Mejoría del 100%	Hipotensión (19% casos)

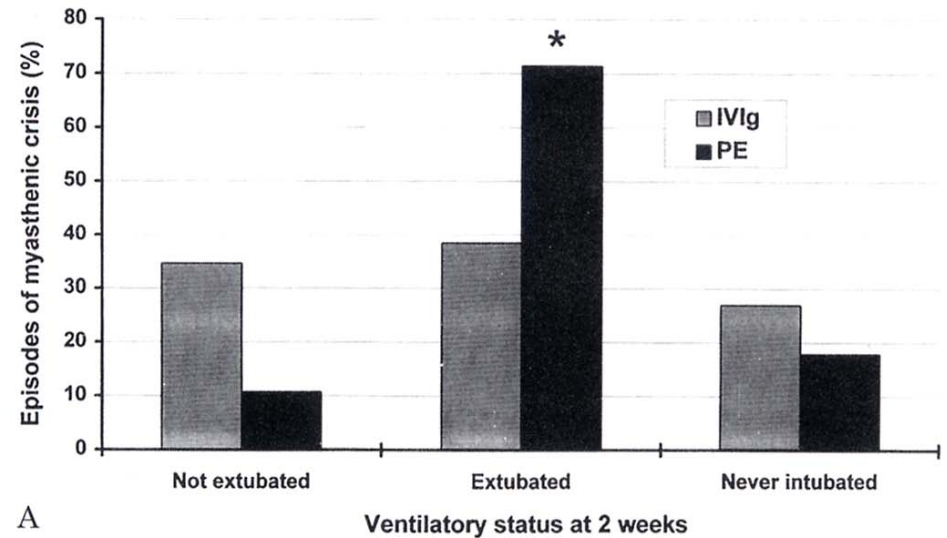
Azat: azatioprina. DF: doble filtración. IADS: inmunoadsorción. PF: plasmaferesis. Pred: prednisona.

# Plasma exchange versus intravenous immunoglobulin treatment in myasthenic crisis

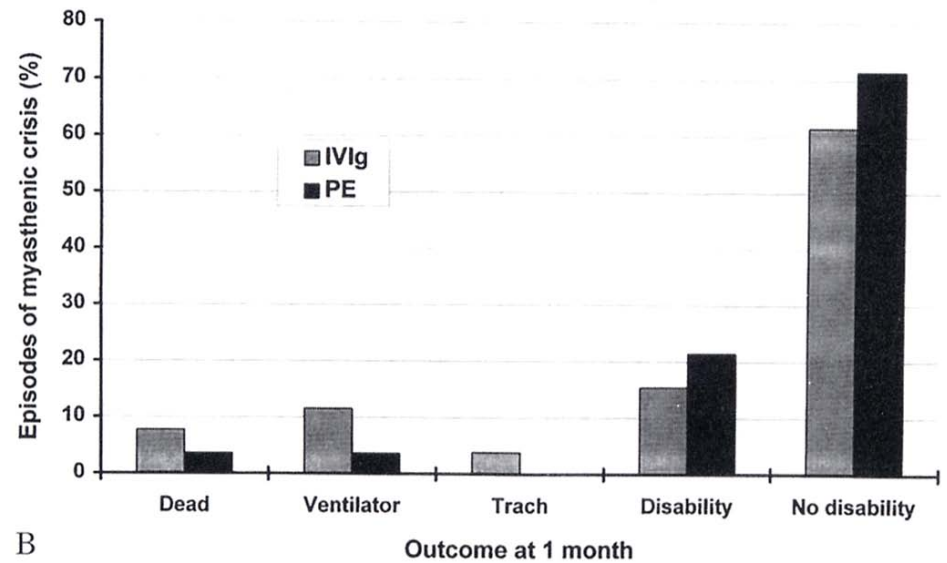
A.I. Qureshi, MD

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- 54 cm (42 vm)
- PF vs Ig (24 pts vs 28 pts)
- Mejor status ventilatorio a las dos semanas
- Mejor pronostico funcional
- Mas complicaciones con PF



A



B

## Evidence-based guideline update: Plasmapheresis in neurologic disorders

Report of the Therapeutics and Technology Assessment  
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*Recommendation.* Because of the lack of randomized controlled studies with masked outcomes, there is insufficient evidence to support or refute the efficacy of plasmapheresis in the treatment of myasthenic crisis (Level U) or MG prethymectomy (Level U).

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*Clinical context.* Despite the fact that the use of plasmapheresis in myasthenic crisis and MG prethymectomy receives a Level U recommendation, plasmapheresis is used at many medical centers for these indications.



## Immunomodulatory Therapies in Neurologic Critical Care

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Summary of levels of evidence and recommendations for immunomodulatory therapies in critically ill neurologic patients; AHA classification system [175]

Disease	Corticosteroids	Plasmapheresis	IVIg	Cyclophosphamide
Guillain–Barré syndrome	III, B	I, A	I, A	III, C
Myasthenia gravis	IIb, C	I, B	I, B	III, C
Acute CNS demyelination (ADEM, Malignant MS, etc.)	I, B	I, B	I, C	IIa, C
Bacterial meningitis	I, A	III, C	III, C	III, C
Viral encephalitis	IIb, C	III, C	III, C	III, C
Primary CNS vasculitis	IIb, C	III, C	III, C	IIb, C
Steroid responsive encephalopathy	Ia, B	IIb, C	IIb, C	IIb, C
Paraneoplastic encephalitis	IIb, C	IIb, C	IIb, C	III, C
Status epilepticus	IIb, C	IIb, C	IIb, C	III, C

# Tratamiento inmunomodulador CM

	Ig	Pf
•Dosis	400mg/Kg ( 5 dias)	Un recambio 1-2 días
•Respuesta	Mejoría en 4-5 d. Duración 4-8s	Mejoría en 2 días. Duración 3-4 semanas
•Ventajas	Disponible facilmente	Respuesta mas rápida
•Inconvenientes	Respuesta lenta	Acceso venoso, equipo y personal
•Contraindicaciones	Deficit de IgA	Inestabilidad hemodinamica
•Complicaicones	Meningitis aseptica, aritmias, trombocitopenia	Inestabilidad hemodinamica, hemolisis, aritmias



M. B. Walker; Lancet 1934

# ANTICOLINESTERÁSICOS Y CM

- “VACACIONES”
- ABSORCIÓN NO PREDECIBLE
- CRISIS COLÍNÉRGICA
- EFECTOS SECUNDARIOS: ARRITMIAS
- AUSENCIA DE ESTUDIOS

# Myasthenia gravis and steroid-induced myopathy of the respiratory muscles

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- Corticoides en CM **NO** son el tratamiento de elección
- Efectos 2<sup>rios</sup> graves (hiperglucemia, HTA, LAMG, infección)
- Entorno de UCI
- ¿Pulsos?

## Therapy of myasthenic crisis

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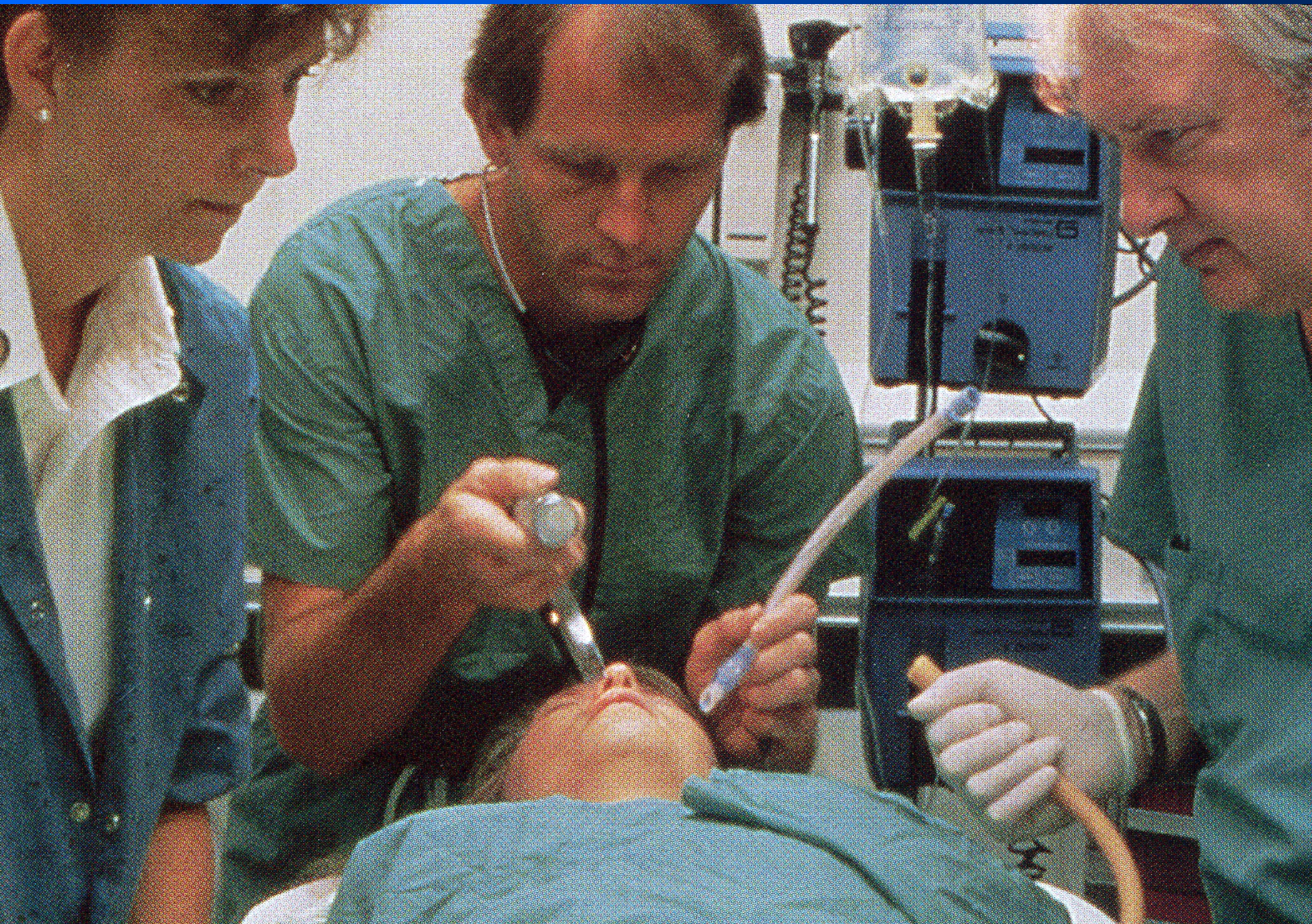
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Comparison of clinical characteristics and the outcome of myasthenic crisis (MC) for three different forms of treatment

	Pyridostigmine (n = 24)	Pyridostigmine + Prednisolone (n = 18)	Plasma Exchange (n = 21)	<i>p</i> Value		
				1-2	1-3	2-3
Age (yr)	39 ± 4 <sup>a</sup>	45 ± 4	47 ± 3	NS	NS	NS
Gender	16 F/8 M	11 F/7 M	13 F/8 M	NS	NS	NS
Most common causes	Infect (n = 9)	Myasthenic weakness (n = 7)	Myasthenic weakness (n = 11)	NS	.02	NS
Tracheostomy	6/24	4/18	11/21	NS	NS	NS
Period of ventilation (day)	6 ± 1	7 ± 2	14 ± 3	NS	NS	NS
Outcome—Acute						
2	1	0	0	NS	NS	NS
3	12	12	9	NS	NS	NS
4	9	4	6	NS	NS	NS
5	0	0	2	NS	NS	NS
7	2	2	4	NS	NS	NS
Outcome—3 Months						
1	2	0	0	NS	NS	NS
2	10	8	6	NS	NS	NS
3	10	5	8	NS	NS	NS
4	0	3	2	NS	NS	NS
5	0	0	1	NS	NS	NS
7	2	2	4	NS	NS	NS

1-2, pyridostigmine vs. pyridostigmine + prednisolone; 1-3, pyridostigmine vs. plasma exchange; 2-3, pyridostigmine + prednisolone vs. plasma exchange; outcome 7<sup>b</sup>, death.

<sup>a</sup>Mean ± SD; <sup>b</sup>for other outcomes, see Table 1.



# Myasthenic crisis: A retrospective study

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Clinical characteristics at onset of MC and response to treatment

Sr. No.	Ppt Fc	Duration from Ppt. to MC	Involved sites	Rx	Duration of ventilation (days)	At discharge- Walking without support	At discharge- Accepting orally	Death
1.	ACI and Strdtapering	5 days	O,B,L,R	PP	16	Yes	Yes	No
2.	ACI and Strdstopped+URI	10 days	O,B,L,R	PP	14	No	No	No
3.	Diarrhea	2 days	O,B,L,R	Nil	2	-	-	Yes
4.	Strd started+ URI	30 days	O,B,L,R	PP+IVIG	12	No	No	No
5.	Nil	-	O,B,L,R	PP	18	No	Yes	No
6.	URI	15 days	O,L,R	PP	10	Yes	Yes	No
7.	ACI tapered	6 mths	O,B,R	IVIG	8	Yes	Yes	No
8.	Nil	-	B,R	IVIG	9	No	Yes	No
9.	Post TM	3 days	O,B,L,R	PP	15	No	Yes	No
10.	Nil	-	O,B,L,R	PP	14		Yes	No
11.	Post RT	18 days	O,B,L,R	PP	32	Yes	No	No
12.	Post TM	1 day	O,B,L,R	Nil	5	Yes	Yes	No

(Strd- steroid; ACI- Acetylcholinesterase inhibitor; IVIG- intravenous immunoglobulin; B-bulbar; L- limb; O- ocular; R- respiratory; MC-Myasthenic crisis; PP- Plasmapheresis, Ppt Fc- Precipitating factor; RT-Radiotherapy; Rx-Treatment; TM-Thymectomy; URI- upper respiratory infection)

# Intensive care of the myasthenic patient

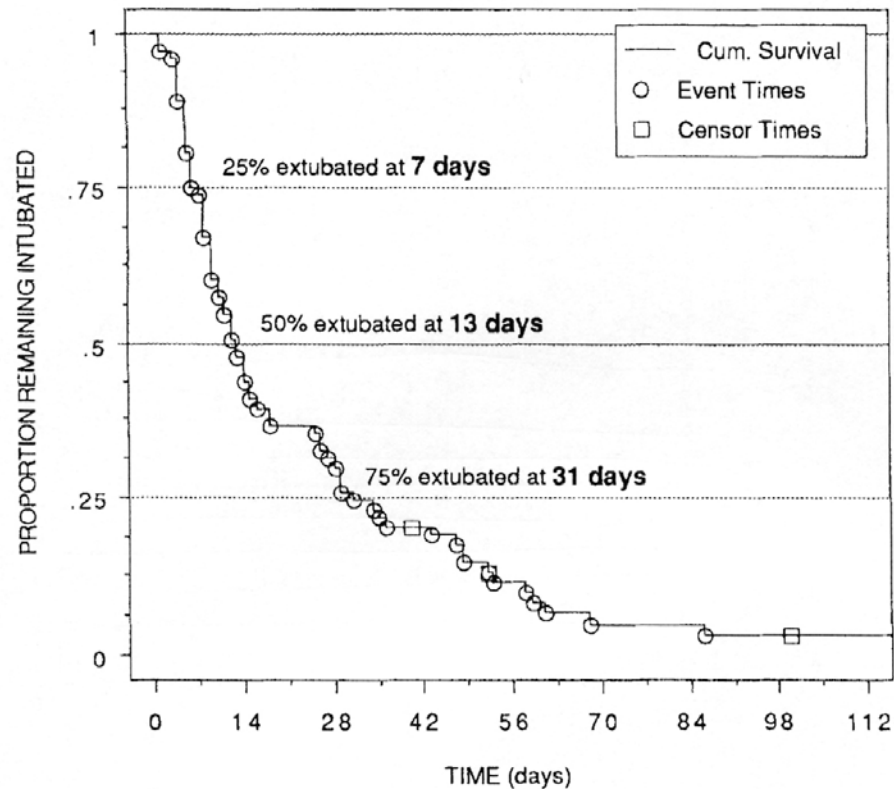
Stephan A. Mayer, MD

NEUROLOGY 1997;48(Suppl 5):S70-S75

## *Pulmonary function tests in patients with myasthenic crisis\**

	Normal	Criteria for intubation	Criteria for weaning	Criteria for extubation
Vital capacity	>60 mL/kg	≤15 mL/kg	≥10 mL/kg	~25 mL/kg
Negative inspiratory force	>70 cm H <sub>2</sub> O	<20 cm H <sub>2</sub> O	≥20 cm H <sub>2</sub> O	~40 cm H <sub>2</sub> O
Positive expiratory force	>100 cm H <sub>2</sub> O	<40 cm H <sub>2</sub> O	≥40 cm H <sub>2</sub> O	~50 cm H <sub>2</sub> O

\* Data from Thomas et al.,<sup>1</sup> with permission.



# VM y CRISIS MIASTÉNICA (CM)

*Thomas CE ; Neurology 1997*

- 53 pacientes con 73 CM
- Infección pulmonar como causa más frecuente
- Extubación: 25% (7d)  
50% (2 semana)  
75% (31 días)
- IOT prolongada, asociación significativa con

HCO<sub>3</sub> ≥ 30 meq/L preIOT  
CV < 25 ml/kg al 6º día de IOT  
Edad > 50 años



1 factor: 21 %
2 factores: 40%
3 factores: 88%

## POSTINTUBATION PULMONARY FUNCTION TEST IN GBS

*Lawn N; Muscle and Nerve 2000*

- 37 pacientes en VM
- <3 semanas Vs >3 semanas de VM
- PF= CV + PIM+PEM
- PF (d12): PF (d1)>1; VM< 3 semanas (p< 0,0001)
- S 70%; E 100%; VPP 100%

# VENTILATORY CARE IN MYASTHENIC GRAVIS

*Varelas et Al. Crit Care Med, 2007*

- Respiratory intervention Index: Suspiros, Peep, Aspiraciones, Fisioterapia, cambios posturales y antibióticos

## **Columbia (1983-1994)**

-CM	73
-Atelectasias	40
-Neumonías:	51
-VM (d):	13
-LOS (h):	35
-LOS (UCI):	14

## **John Hopkings (1990-98))**

-CM	24
-Atelectasias	29
-Neumonías:	17
-VM	6
-LOS (h):	17
-LOS (UCI):	11

# Predictors of Extubation Failure in Myasthenic Crisis

*Janaka Seneviratne, MBBS; Jay Mandrekar, PhD; Eelco F. M. Wijdicks, MD; Alejandro A. Rabinstein, MD*

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## CM con IOT (1987-2006)

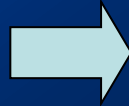
- **40 pacientes** con **46 episodios** de **CM**
- **Fallo extubación:** 46% (varones, CM previas, atelectasia y VM>10d)
- **RelOT:** 26% (pH bajo, VCV y necesidad de BIPAP postextubación)
- **Atelectasias** principal factor asociado a fracaso de extubación y relOT

# EXTUBACIÓN EN CM

*Rabinstein A, Neurocritical Care 2005*

## 26 CM

- Weaning: T o CPAP
- Fallo extubación: 27%
- Edad: (p=0.05)
- Atelectasia: (p<0.01)
- Neumonía (p= 0.02)



**¡Presentaron fracaso de extubación!**

# FALLO DE EXTUBACIÓN EN PACIENTES CON CM

*Rabinstein A. ; Neurocrit care 2005*

26 episodios de CM:

- Fallo extubación 27%
- > 60 años
- Atelectasias y/o neumonía asociación signif. con fallo extubación
- Mayor LOS UCI/Hospital

Engström Carestation



VMesp bajo FR alta

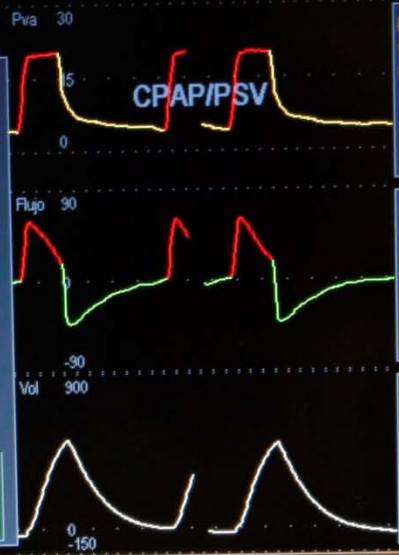
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### Procedimientos

### Mecánica del pulmón

P 0,1	0	09:56
NIF	NoApto	
Tiempo NIF	20	s
Capacidad vital	---	
Menú anterior		

Activa la medición (cmH2O) de presión de oclusión de vías respiratorias.



cmH2O	
Ppico	20
PEEPe	5
Pmedia	10
Fuga %	0
VMesp l/min	7.8
FR l/min	15
VTesp ml	520
FI02 %	50
Espontánea	
VMesp l/min	7.8
FR l/min	15
VTesp ml	520
RSBI l/min/l	28

ventilación con presión positiva continua en vía resp / presión de soporte				Compl	Rva
FI02 %		PEEP cmH2O	Soporte cmH2O	ml/cmH2O	cmH2O/s
50		5	15	45	---

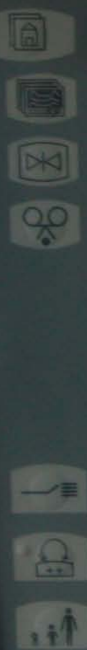


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# **Respiratory Failure in Myasthenia Gravis**

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*Proc. Roy. Soc. Med. Volume 64 May 1971*

**“ After three days, or sometimes sooner, this was replaced by a tracheostomy and cuffed rubber tube”**



# VENTILACIÓN MECÁNICA NO INVASIVA

- Contrarresta mecanismos involucrados en el fallo del destete.
- Disminuye neumonía asociada a VM.
- Disminuye requerimientos de sedación.
- Permite el habla y la ingesta.
- Requiere colaboración y no secreciones abundantes.





# VMNI y CM

- Imprescindible vía aérea permeable
- Se debe utilizar en pacientes seleccionados y en áreas hospitalarias
- bien monitorizadas
- No usar si hay hipercapnia
- Actualmente no datos suficientes para recomendación sistemática

# VMNI y CM

- **Rabinstein A.**
  - 11 CM con fallo respiratorio
  - Se evitó VM en 7 pacientes
  - Fracaso de VMNI cuando  $p\text{CO}_2 > 50$  mms Hg
  - CV, Peep, P insp, P exp, NO PREDIJERON FRACASO DE VMNI

# BiPAP in acute respiratory failure due to myasthenic crisis may prevent intubation

Alejandro Rabinstein, MD; and Eelco F.M. Wijdicks, MD

NEUROLOGY 2002;59:1647-1649

## *Blood gases and bedside respiratory function tests before institution of BiPAP ventilation*

Episode	pH level	PaCO <sub>2</sub> , mm Hg	PaO <sub>2</sub> , mm Hg	VC, ml/kg	PIMax, cmH <sub>2</sub> O	PEMax, cmH <sub>2</sub> O	Duration, d	Outcome
1	7.37	43	95	-	-	-	15	Success
2	7.43	41	92	8	-16	+22	2	Success
3	7.35	68	55	-	-	-	<1	Failure
4	7.49	30	94	-	-	-	4	Success
5	7.51	31	105	-	-	-	4	Success
6	7.47	45	100	9	-56	+50	4	Success
7	7.46	52	68	4	-20	+40	<1	Failure
8	7.42	44	89	8	-60	+45	5	Success
9	7.44	41	88	7	-60	+60	12	Success
10	7.45	39	84	5	-10	+10	1	Failure*
11	7.29	67	366	-	-	-	4	Failure

\* See text for details.

BiPAP = bilevel positive pressure ventilation; PaCO<sub>2</sub> = partial arterial pressure of carbon dioxide; PaO<sub>2</sub> = partial arterial pressure of oxygen; VC = vital capacity; PIMax = maximal inspiratory pressure; PEMax = maximal expiratory pressure.

# Noninvasive Ventilation in Myasthenic Crisis

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## Predictor fallo BiPAP:

- $p\text{CO}_2 > 45$  mms Hg ( $p = 0.4$ )
- LOS UVI y hospital  $>$  con VM ( $p < 0,001$ )

## Predictors of Ventilation Duration Longer Than 7 Days Among 60 Episodes of Myasthenic Crisis

Variable	Odds Ratio (95% Confidence Interval)	P Value
History of crisis	3.08 (1.02-9.28)	.05
History of thymoma	3.14 (1.07-9.19)	.04
Initial maximal expiratory pressure <sup>a</sup>	0.96 (0.93-0.99)	.05
Intravenous corticosteroid use	3.97 (1.06-14.85)	.04
Initial endotracheal intubation and mechanical ventilation <sup>a</sup>	6.54 (1.32-32.56)	.02
Atelectasis <sup>a</sup>	8.50 (1.46-49.54)	.02
Pneumonia	3.75 (0.95-14.82)	.06
Initial bilevel positive airway pressure <sup>a</sup>	0.24 (0.08-0.70)	.01

<sup>a</sup>Also statistically significantly associated with ventilation duration when analyzed as a continuous variable.

## Clinical End Points in Episodes of Myasthenic Crisis Initially Treated Using BiPAP vs ET-MV<sup>a</sup>

Variable	Initial BiPAP <sup>b</sup> (n=24)	Initial ET-MV (n=36)	P Value
Ventilation duration, d	4 (1.5-21)	9 (3-60)	<.001
Atelectasis	27	37	.70
Pneumonia	53	44	.74
Length of stay, d			
Intensive care unit	7 (2-42)	13 (4-60)	.002
Hospital	13 (2-60)	20 (4-123)	.03
Mortality	0	6	.36

Abbreviations: BiPAP, bilevel positive airway pressure; ET-MV, endotracheal intubation and mechanical ventilation.

<sup>a</sup>Data are given as median (range) or as percentages.

<sup>b</sup>Ten patients failed BiPAP trial and required ET-MV.

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**Comparison of Baseline Demographic and Physiological Variables Among Episodes of Myasthenic Crisis Initially Treated Using Bilevel Positive Airway Pressure (BiPAP) vs Endotracheal Intubation and Mechanical Ventilation (ET-MV)<sup>a</sup>**

Baseline Variable	Total (N=60)	BiPAP Success (n=14)	BiPAP Failure (n=10)	ET-MV (n=36)	P Value
Age, y	65.5 (17 to 90)	69.5 (17 to 90)	59 (26 to 79)	68 (25 to 90)	.63
Disease duration, y	4 (0.08 to 43)	3 (0.08 to 14)	5 (0.08 to 15)	4 (0.08 to 43)	.74
History					
Thymoma	42	21	56	47	.17
Crisis	43	50	40	41	.82
Lung disease	22	14	33	26	.55
Trigger					
Medication	32	36	20	33	.48
Infection	35	29	60	31	
Surgery	12	14	10	14	
Acetylcholine receptor antibodies	91	100	100	85	.14
Initial values					
pH	7.40 (7.35 to 7.46)	7.44 (7.35 to 7.45)	7.42 (7.28 to 7.53)	7.41 (7.32 to 7.48)	.52
Pco <sub>2</sub> , mm Hg	42 (35 to 78)	41 (35 to 56)	39 (35 to 66)	45 (36 to 78)	.24
Bicarbonate, mEq/L	28 (21 to 105)	28 (21 to 77)	25 (21 to 37)	28.5 (21 to 105)	.34
Po <sub>2</sub> , mm Hg	84 (29 to 414)	81 (65 to 129)	80 (68 to 414)	95.5 (58 to 414)	.50
Forced vital capacity, mL/kg/s	13.9 (2.5 to 42.2)	13.9 (10.7 to 34.0)	15 (5.2 to 21.0)	13.3 (2.5 to 42.2)	.91
Maximal expiratory pressure, cm of water	-30 (-92 to -10)	-40 (-92 to -16)	-30 (-73 to -10)	-35 (-60 to -10)	.50
Maximal inspiratory pressure, cm of water	40 (10 to 100)	55 (18 to 100)	35 (10 to 98)	35 (10 to 96)	.20
Immunotherapy					
Plasma exchange	67	79	60	64	.54
Intravenous immunoglobulin	10	0	10	14	.34
Corticosteroids	22	14	30	22	.65

<sup>a</sup>Data are given as median (range) or as percentage of patients with documented information.  
SI conversion factor: To convert bicarbonate to millimoles per liter, multiply by 1.0.



## The Role of Non-invasive Ventilation and Factors Predicting Extubation Outcome in Myasthenic Crisis

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Demographics and outcome of patients with myasthenic crisis initially undergoing non-invasive ventilation<sup>a</sup>

Variables	NIV failure (n = 6)	NIV success (n = 8)	P Value
Age, yrs	69 (59)	50 (61)	0.243
Male, %	1 (16.6%)	1 (12.5%)	0.825
SOFA score <sup>b</sup>	1 (7)	1 (4)	0.488
APACHE II score <sup>b</sup>	9 (15)	6 (5)	0.100
Anti-acetylcholine antibody, nmol/l <sup>b</sup>	14.9 (28.5)	15.9 (11.4)	0.855
Arterial blood gas <sup>b</sup>			
pH	7.33 (0.26)	7.34 (0.16)	0.476
PaO <sub>2</sub> /FiO <sub>2</sub> , mmHg	408 (218)	410 (233)	0.576
PaCO <sub>2</sub> , mmHg	66.5 (57.2)	54.0 (78.6)	0.081
HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> , mmol/l	33.5 (7.6)	27.6 (13.6)	0.027
Outcome			
ICU length of stay, days	18 (21)	2 (9)	0.002
Duration of hospitalization, days	44 (168)	20 (28)	0.005

Definition of abbreviations: NIV = non-invasive

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Treatment and outcome in patients with myasthenia crisis requiring invasive mechanical ventilation

	All ( <i>n</i> = 33)	Extubation success ( <i>n</i> = 20)	Extubation failure ( <i>n</i> = 13)	<i>P</i> Value
Therapy				
Steroid, %	31 (93.9)	19 (95.0)	12 (92.3)	0.751
Immunosuppressant, %	9 (27.3)	6 (30.0)	3 (23.1)	0.663
Plasmapheresis (courses)	5.6 ± 3.0	5.5 ± 3.1	5.6 ± 2.6	0.770
Mortality, %	2 (6.1)	0 (0)	2 (15.4)	0.07
Tracheostomy, %	4 (12.1)	0 (0)	4 (30.8)	0.008
Duration of MV, days	24.7 ± 30.5	10.9 ± 4.6	45.9 ± 40.7	<0.001
ICU length of stay, days	25.7 ± 12.8	18.9 ± 10.2	36.2 ± 8.8	<0.001
Duration of hospitalization, days	53.1 ± 42.7	43.2 ± 39.0	68.4 ± 45.1	0.005
Ventilator-associated pneumonia, %	7 (21.2)	1 (5.0)	6 (46.2)	0.005

*Definition of abbreviations:* ICU = intensive care unit; MV = invasive mechanical ventilation



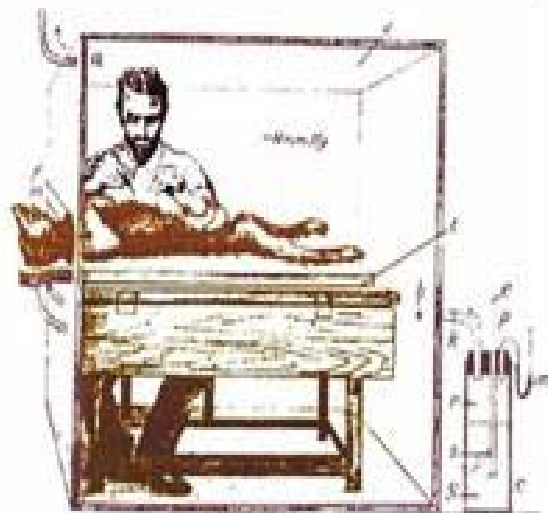
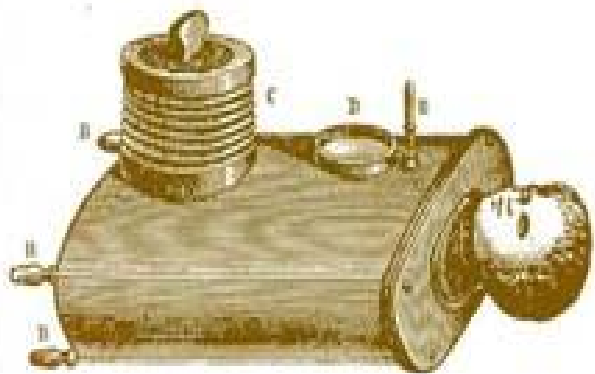
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### Summary of multivariate logistic regression

Outcome/variable	Odds ratio	95% confidence	P value
Extubation success			
RSBI $\leq$ 105, l/min ml	2.5	0.5–13.4	0.524
RSBI $\leq$ 80, l/min ml	3.25	0.7–16.0	0.140
Vital capacity $\geq$ 10 ml/kg	1.3	0.2–9.8	0.756
Tidal volume $\geq$ 5 ml/kg	2.1	0.4–9.8	0.605
Pemax $\geq$ 40 cmH <sub>2</sub> O	37.5	3.6–386.5	<0.001
Duration of mechanical ventilation $\geq$ 14 days			
Ventilator-associated pneumonia	40.0	3.4–468.1	<0.001
Intensive care unit length of stay $\geq$ 30 days			
Extubation failure	18.9	3.2–112.1	0.001

Definition of abbreviations: RSBI = rapid shallow breathing index; Pemax = maximal expiratory pressure







**MENOS ES MAS**

# Menos es mas

- ARDS Network: NEJM 2000
- Kress : NEJM 2000
- Kollev : CCM 2004
- Gidard : Lancet 2008
  
- ***“ Ventilación protectora ”***
- ***Weaning diario***
- ***Sedation Holiday***
- ***Acortar encamamiento***
- ***Bundle NAVM***



## ESTRATEGIA PARA REDUCIR LA DURACIÓN DE LA CM

- IOT PRECOZ
- RETIRADA DE ANTICOLINESTERÁSICOS
- PF PRECOZ
- EVITAR MEDICACIÓN DESENCADENANTE DE MG
- TRATAR INFECCIONES **DOCUMENTADAS** (precoz y adecuadamente)
- INTERRUMPIR SEDACIÓN Y VALORAR WEANING DIARIAMENTE
- TRATAR DISELECTROLITEMIAS
- ADECUADO SOPORTE NUTRICIONAL
- VENTILACIÓN (PROTECTORA)
- TRAQUEOTOMÍA DESPUES DE 2 SEMANAS ???
- VNI??

# Myasthenia Gravis y servicio de medicina intensiva HCUV

**Periodo 2004-2011**

**19 pacientes: 13 timectomias. 4 crisis miastemicas, 2  
comorbilidades**

**Mortalidad: 0**

**Modalidad terapeutica: PF, Ig, Anticolinesterasicos**





# EFECTOS SECUNDARIOS DEL TRATAMIENTO INMUNOMODULADOR

- PLASMAFÉRESIS: coagulopatía  
trombopenia  
diselectrolitemias  
arritmias  
hipotensión  
complicaciones CVC
- IGs: cefalea, fiebre, escalofríos  
meningitis aséptica  
sobrecarga de líquidos  
fallo renal