Myasthenia gravis (MG) is an autoimmune disorder that occurs when normal communication between the nerve and muscle is interrupted – this causes weakness and fatigue.

MG is rare.
Approximately 20 out of 100,000 people in the U.S. are diagnosed with the condition.

MG is most commonly diagnosed in
- women under 40
- men over 60
but can occur at any age – including childhood.

There are several ways to test for MG, including
- blood tests
- sleep examinations
- and nerve stimulation tests.

MG can affect any muscle,
but many people experience trouble with facial muscles, like those that control eye movement and expression. This can cause drooping eyelids and trouble speaking.

This may also impact the muscles that control swallowing - in some cases, this may be one of the first signs of MG.

If you’re living with MG, there are treatments available. Talk to your doctor to discuss what option might be best for you.