

MGFA Clinical Classification

Class I: Any ocular muscle weakness; may have weakness of eye closure.
All other muscle strength is normal.

Class II: Mild weakness affecting muscles other than ocular muscles;
may also have ocular muscle weakness of any severity.

- A.** IIa. Predominantly affecting limb, axial muscles or both.
May also have lesser involvement of oropharyngeal muscles.
 - B.** IIb. Predominantly affecting oropharyngeal, respiratory muscles or both. May
also have lesser or equal involvement of limb, axial muscles or both.
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Class III: Moderate weakness affecting muscles other than ocular muscles;
may also have ocular muscle weakness of any severity.

- A.** IIIa. Predominantly affecting limb, axial muscles or both.
May also have lesser involvement of oropharyngeal muscles.
 - B.** IIIb. Predominantly affecting oropharyngeal, respiratory muscles or both. May
also have lesser or equal involvement of limb, axial muscles or both.
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Class IV: Severe weakness affecting muscles other than ocular muscles;
may also have ocular muscle weakness of any severity.

- A.** IVa. Predominantly affecting limb, axial muscles or both.
May also have lesser involvement of oropharyngeal muscles.
 - B.** IVb. Predominantly affecting oropharyngeal, respiratory muscles or both.
May also have lesser or equal involvement of limb, axial muscles or both.
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Class V: Defined as intubation, with or without mechanical ventilation, except
when employed during routine postoperative management. The use of
a feeding tube without intubation places the patient in class IVb.
