MYASTHENIA GRAVIS

MEDICATION INFORMATION CARD

Drugs to be Avoided
or
Used with Caution
in MG

My Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ or (_____) _____

Birthdate _____

Contact in Emergency:

Name _____

Phone (_____) _____ or (_____) _____

Other Medical Conditions:

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Current Medications:

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> D-penicillamine and alpha-interferon should not be used in myasthenic patients, as they can cause MG. Botulinum toxin should be avoided.

> Increased weakness in a significant number of MG patients has been reported with the following drugs; use only with caution and monitor for exacerbation of MG symptoms:

- Neuromuscular blocking agents such as succinylcholine and vecuronium should only be used by an anesthesiologist familiar with MG
- Quinine, quinidine or procainamide
- Selected antibiotics, particularly aminogylcosides, telithromycin (Ketek) and ciprofloxacin (*Note:* Many other antibiotics have been reported to increase MG weakness in occasional patients.)
- Beta-blockers (propranolol, timolol maleate eyedrops)
- Calcium channel blockers
- Iodinated contrast agents (a form of X-ray dye)

The above list is not all inclusive; please consult with your physician or pharmacist. Numerous additional medications are reported to increase weakness in occasional patients with MG. The MG patient and physician should be alert to this possibility whenever a new medication is prescribed.

For questions regarding medications, contact my MG doctor:

Name _____

Phone (_____) _____ or (_____) _____

More thorough, complete and up-to-date information on drug effects in MG may be found at the MGFA web site; reference document "Medications and Myasthenia Gravis (A Reference for Health Care Professionals."

www.myasthenia.org

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