



MGNet March 2020 Newsletter

Consortium Updates

2020 MGNet Scholar Award Recipient

*We would like to extend our appreciation to all who applied for the 2020 MGNet Scholar Award Program and would like to recognize this year's award winner, **Amanda Guidon, MD!***

Amanda Guidon, MD is a neurologist who specializes in the care of patients with neuromuscular diseases and in performing electrodiagnostic studies. She is an instructor of Neurology at Harvard Medical School and the director of MGH Myasthenia Gravis Clinic. Within neuromuscular medicine, she has particular expertise in the care of patients with myasthenia gravis, immune-mediated and cancer related neuromuscular disorders, and electrodiagnostic medicine. At MGH, she divides her time between providing clinical care, supervising trainees, and performing clinical research. In addition, she serves on the medical and scientific advisory board of the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America (MGFA) and the New England Chapter. In 2018, she was selected as the Partners Neuromuscular Fellowship Program Director. Moreover, as a scholar recipient, Dr. Guidon's proposed project, "**Feasibility and outcomes of telemedicine in outpatient treatment of myasthenia gravis**" will hope to highlight new model of clinical care, which can potentially help increase participation in clinical trials.



2020 MGNet Virtual Symposium

MGNet held its introductory symposium (virtually) on March 30th, 2020. The symposium brought together clinicians, scientists, patients advocacy partners as well as patient representatives. The event was broken down into three sessions, the morning session was introduction to MGNet, followed by the afternoon session which incorporated time for fruitful discussions among External Advisory and Executive Committee members. The last session offered training opportunities for research coordinators. Henry Kaminski, MD led all sessions, and attendees gained insight on the specific aims of MGNet, the operational structure of MGNet, all the research projects involved as well as the career enhancement programs.

You may access 2020 MGNet Virtual Symposium recording [here](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-KoqJbwQ5l4&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR3uZ5Sauvslx8O2V4p0H5cki1Mwb4y4QY6MH-rl38jLq6Vfyb8CEBR5ZH0>

MGNet COVID-19 Webinar

The Myasthenia Gravis Rare Disease Clinical Research Network (MGNet) put together an informative webinar titled *Coronavirus: What MG Patients should know* to present information on the coronavirus pandemic and its impact on MG patients. Dr. Henry Kaminski, Meta A. Neumann Professor and Chair of the Department of Neurology at the George Washington University and Dr. Hana Akselrod, MD Assistant Professor of Medicine in the division of Infectious Diseases at George Washington University provided presentation that highlighted, virus features, some of the clinical symptoms to watch out for as well as possible pharmacologic treatments underway. The presentation concludes addressing the most common asked questions from MG patients. MGNet hopes to continue to generate more educational and informative contents like this for the MG community.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-KoqJbwQ5l4&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR3uZ5Sauvslx8O2V4p0H5cki1Mwb4y4QY6MH-rl38jLq6Vfyb8CEBR5ZH0>



