

# MGFA Clinical Classification

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

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**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.

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