myasthenia gravis

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Definition of MYASTHENIA GRAVIS

A disease characterized by progressive weakness and exhaustibility of voluntary muscles without atrophy or sensory disturbance and caused by an autoimmune attack on acetylcholine receptors at the neuromuscular junction.

Origin and Etymology of MYASTHENIA GRAVIS

New Latin, literally, grave myasthenia

First Known Use: 1900