

Fungal infections: complication of immunosuppressive therapy of myasthenia gravis.

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Myasthenia gravis is an antigen-mediated autoimmune disease. In its most severe form, the life-threatening myasthenic crisis is accompanied by a respiratory failure. In addition to the symptomatic treatment with pyridostigmine, immunosuppressive therapy using glucocorticosteroids and azathioprine is therapy of choice. The typical side effects of immunosuppressive therapy are infections, although very rare in their occurrence, particularly opportunistic infections are a severe, undiagnosed complication of the therapy of myasthenia gravis. A consistent risk management is necessary to prevent them.