

# MEET GWEN\*

AGE: 71

## HISTORY:

- Active grandmother with suspected degenerative disc disease
- Has been experiencing prolonged idiopathic neck pain and tightness
- PCP referred her to a physical therapist

## EXAMINATION:

- Patient complains of tightness and neck pain limiting movement and causing discomfort
- After palpating muscles, physical therapist noted persistent anterocollis

## DIAGNOSIS:

Suspected Cervical Dystonia

**Do you have adult patients like  
Gwen in your practice?**



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\*This is not a real patient. This representation was not designed to reflect efficacy for an individual patient subgroup. Individual results may vary.

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WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

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▪ Hypersensitivity Reactions

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▪ Dysphagia and Breathing Difficulties

Treatment with MYOBLOC and other botulinum toxin products can result in swallowing or breathing difficulties. Patients with pre-existing swallowing or breathing difficulties may be more susceptible to these complications. In most cases, this is a consequence of weakening of muscles in the area of injection that are involved in breathing or swallowing. When distant effects occur, additional respiratory muscles may be involved. Deaths

as a complication of severe dysphagia have been reported after treatment with botulinum toxin. Dysphagia may persist for several months and require use of a feeding tube to maintain adequate nutrition and hydration. Aspiration may result from severe dysphagia and is a particular risk when treating patients in whom swallowing or respiratory function is already compromised.

- **Cervical Dystonia:** Treatment of cervical dystonia with botulinum toxins may weaken neck muscles that serve as accessory muscles of ventilation. This may result in a critical loss of breathing capacity in patients with respiratory disorders who may have become dependent upon these accessory muscles. There have been postmarketing reports of serious breathing difficulties, including respiratory failure, in cervical dystonia patients. Patients treated with botulinum toxin may require immediate medical attention should they develop problems with swallowing, speech or respiratory disorders. These reactions can occur within hours to weeks after injection with botulinum toxin.
- **Pre-Existing Neuromuscular Disorders:** Individuals with peripheral motor neuropathic diseases, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or neuromuscular junctional disorders (e.g., myasthenia gravis or Lambert-Eaton syndrome) should be monitored particularly closely when given botulinum toxin. Patients with neuromuscular disorders may be at increased risk of clinically significant effects including severe dysphagia and respiratory compromise from typical doses of MYOBLOC.

▪ Human Albumin and Transmission of Viral Diseases

This product contains albumin, a derivative of human blood. Based on effective donor screening and product manufacturing processes, it carries an extremely remote risk for transmission of viral diseases and variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (vCJD). There is a theoretical risk for transmission of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD), but if that risk actually exists, the risk of transmission would be considered extremely remote. No cases of transmission of viral diseases, CJD, or vCJD have ever been identified for licensed albumin or albumin contained in other licensed products.

MOST COMMON ADVERSE REACTIONS (>5% of patients and >5% more than placebo)

**Cervical Dystonia:** dry mouth, dysphagia, injection site pain, headache

DRUG INTERACTIONS

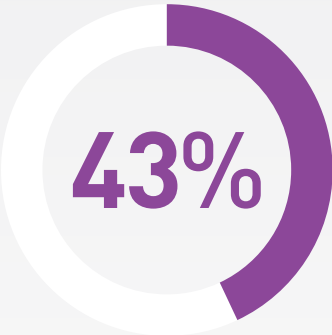
**Aminoglycosides and Other Agents Interfering with Neuromuscular Transmission:** Co-administration of MYOBLOC and aminoglycosides or other agents interfering with neuromuscular transmission (e.g., curare-like compounds) should only be performed with caution as the effect of the toxin may be potentiated. **Anticholinergic Drugs:** Use of anticholinergic drugs after administration of MYOBLOC may potentiate systemic anticholinergic effects. **Other Botulinum Neurotoxin Products:** The effect of administering different botulinum toxin products at the same time or within several months of each other is unknown. Excessive neuromuscular weakness may be exacerbated by administration of another botulinum toxin prior to the resolution of the effects of a previously administered botulinum toxin. **Muscle Relaxants:** Excessive weakness may also be exaggerated by administration of a muscle relaxant before or after administration of MYOBLOC.

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**MY Focus:** To find a botulinum toxin injection to help patients like Gwen

TREATMENT DILEMMA: CERVICAL DYSTONIA IS OFTEN UNDERRECOGNIZED<sup>1</sup>



In one survey, 43% of people with CD had visited 4 or more physicians before a diagnosis of CD was made<sup>2</sup>



The average time from symptom onset to diagnosis<sup>1</sup>

- Patients with mild symptoms may not seek medical advice<sup>3</sup>
- Patients see ~3 providers before being correctly diagnosed<sup>1</sup>
- More common conditions are often suspected or diagnosed instead of CD, at least initially<sup>3</sup>



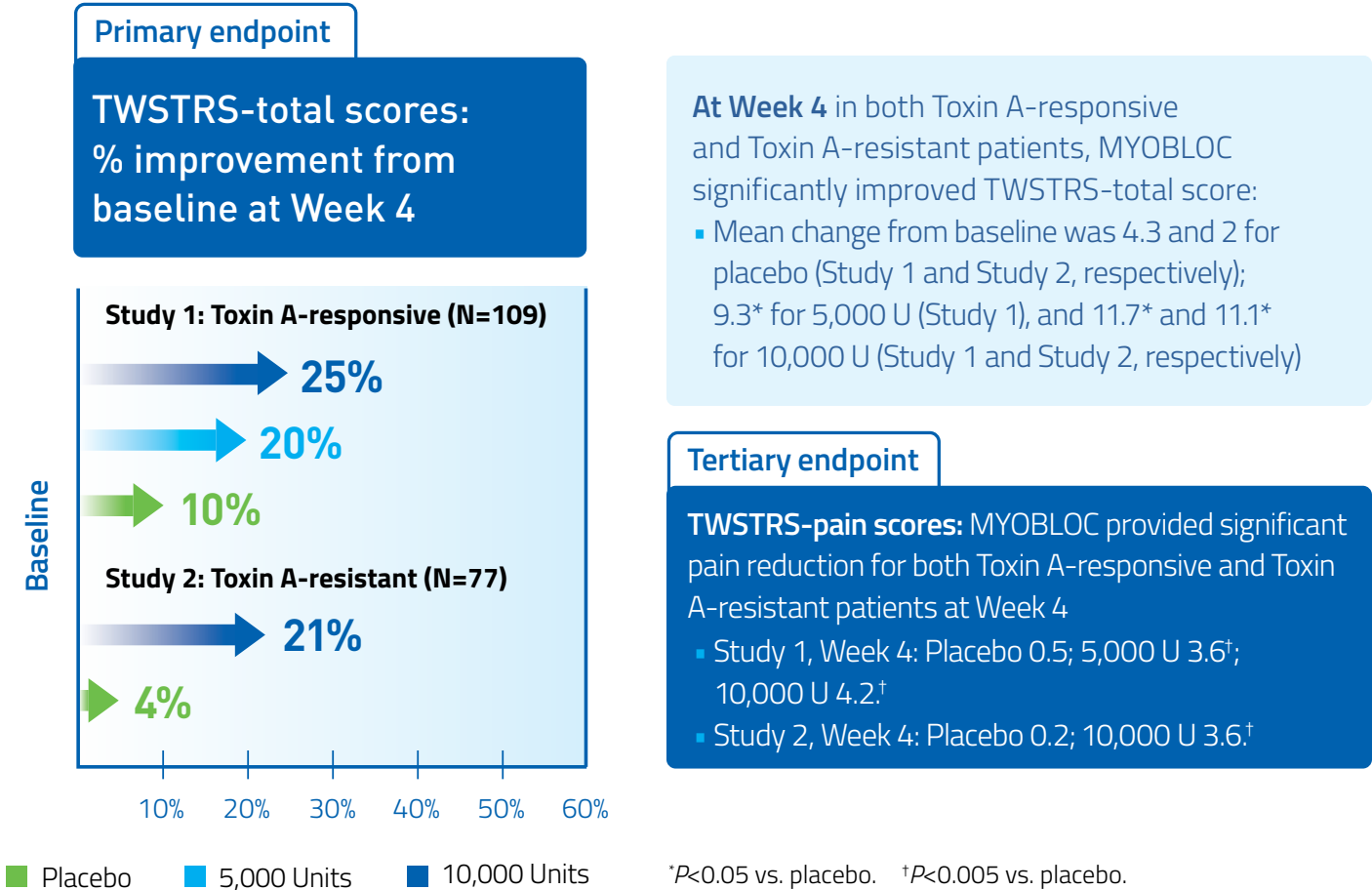
By recognizing characteristic clinical features, an informed provider can make a more rapid diagnosis.



MY Goal: A treatment that works for Gwen and similar patients in my practice



SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT OF TWSTRS-TOTAL SCORE AT WEEK 4<sup>4-6</sup>



**Study 1** was a randomized, double-blind, multicenter, placebo-controlled, 16-week trial to determine the safety and efficacy of MYOBLOC in patients with CD who were responsive to Toxin Type A; 109 patients enrolled across 3 dose arms: MYOBLOC 5,000 U (n=36) or 10,000 U (n=37) vs. placebo (n=36). **Study 2** was a randomized, double-blind, multicenter, placebo-controlled, 16-week trial to determine the safety and efficacy of MYOBLOC in patients with CD who were resistant to Toxin Type A; 77 patients enrolled across 2 dose arms: MYOBLOC 10,000 U (n=39) vs. placebo (n=36).

**Abbreviation:** TWSTRS, Toronto Western Spasmodic Torticollis Rating Scale.

DEMONSTRATED TOLERABILITY

Studies 1, 2, and 4

Most commonly reported adverse reactions in >5% of MYOBLOC-treated patients at any dose and >5% more common than placebo<sup>4</sup>

Adverse Reaction	MYOBLOC (%)			PLACEBO (%)
	2,500 U (N=31)	5,000 U (N=67)	10,000 U (N=67)	(N=106)
Dry mouth	3	12	34	3
Dysphagia	16	10	25	3
Injection-site pain	16	12	15	9
Headache	10	16	11	8

**Study 4** was a randomized, double-blind, multicenter, placebo-controlled, 16-week trial to determine the safety and efficacy of MYOBLOC in both Toxin A-responsive and Toxin A-resistant patients with CD; 122 patients enrolled across 4 dose arms: 2,500 Units (n=31), 5,000 Units (n=31), or 10,000 Units (n=30) vs. placebo (n=30).

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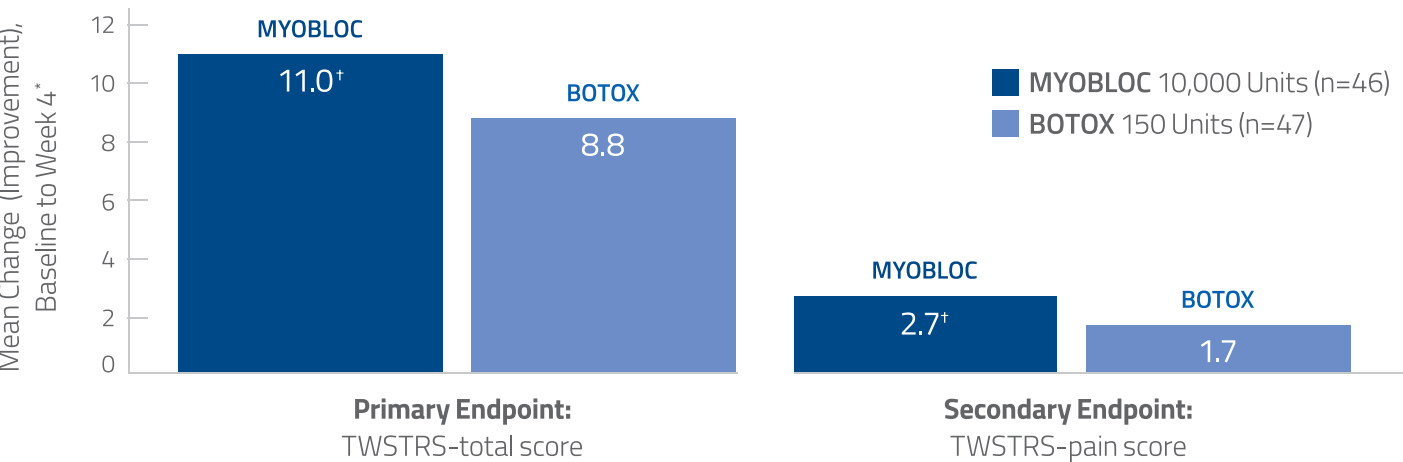


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PROVEN TREATMENT FOR CERVICAL DYSTONIA

Non-inferiority of MYOBLOC vs. BOTOX was established in a head-to-head study<sup>7</sup>



<sup>\*</sup>Per-protocol population.  
<sup>†</sup>Not statistically significant.

Study 402: A randomized, double-blind, multicenter, noninferiority trial (N=93) comparing the efficacy, safety, and duration of effect of BOTOX with MYOBLOC in toxin-naïve patients with CD.<sup>6</sup> Two dose arms were studied: BOTOX 150 Units (n=47) or MYOBLOC 10,000 Units (n=46).

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SAFETY PROFILE COMPARABLE TO BOTOX<sup>‡,7</sup>

Event	TREATMENT		P value	ADDITIONAL DATA:
	BOTOX (N=55) n (%)	MYOBLOC (N=56) n (%)		
Total adverse events	26 (47.3)	37 (66.1)	0.06	No significant difference in serious adverse events.
Treatment-related adverse events	16 (29.1)	29 (51.8)	0.02	
Serious adverse events	2 (3.6)	1 (1.8)	0.62	Mild dry mouth was increased with MYOBLOC.
Dysphagia <sup>‡</sup> (total)	8 (14.5)	9 (16.1)	1.00	
Dry mouth <sup>‡</sup>				Dysphagia, moderate/severe dry mouth, and injection-site pain were similar to BOTOX.
Mild dry mouth	3 (5.5)	18 (32.1)	0.0005	
Moderate/severe dry mouth	1 (1.8)	4 (7.1)	0.36	
Injection-site pain <sup>‡</sup> (total)	3 (5.5)	0 (0.0)	0.12	

<sup>‡</sup>Categories of interest have been defined as “dry mouth,” “dysphagia,” and “injection-site pain” because they represent frequent adverse events that have been associated with both botulinum toxin serotypes; treatment-related incidence is the same as overall incidence for these events. No other treatment-related adverse events occurred in >10% in either BOTOX or MYOBLOC in the intent-to-treat population.

See all the clinical efficacy data to support using MYOBLOC to treat cervical dystonia [here](#).

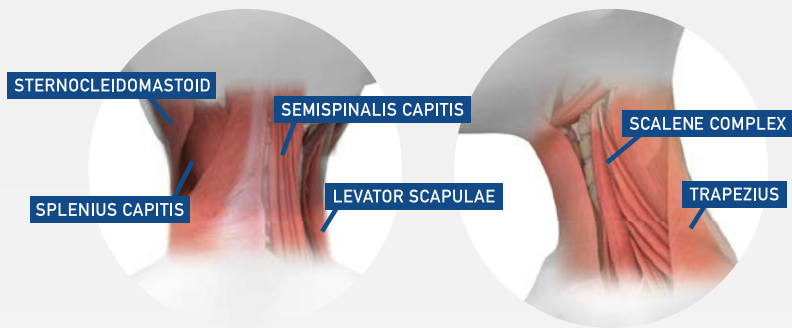


**MY Criteria:** A treatment option with demonstrated tolerability



DOSING AND ADMINISTRATION

TOTAL DOSE DIVIDED AMONG 2 TO 4 AFFECTED MUSCLES<sup>4</sup>



Muscle	Starting Dose Range	Undiluted Volume
LEVATOR SCAPULAE	1,000 – 2,500 Units	0.2 – 0.5 mL
SCALENE COMPLEX	500 – 1,000 Units	0.1 – 0.2 mL
SEMISPINALIS CAPITIS	1,000 – 2,500 Units	0.2 – 0.5 mL
SPLENIUS CAPITIS	1,000 – 2,500 Units	0.2 – 0.5 mL
STERNOCLEIDOMASTOID	1,000 – 2,500 Units	0.2 – 0.5 mL
TRAPEZIUS	1,000 – 2,500 Units	0.2 – 0.5 mL

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READY TO USE AND REQUIRES NO MIXING<sup>4</sup>

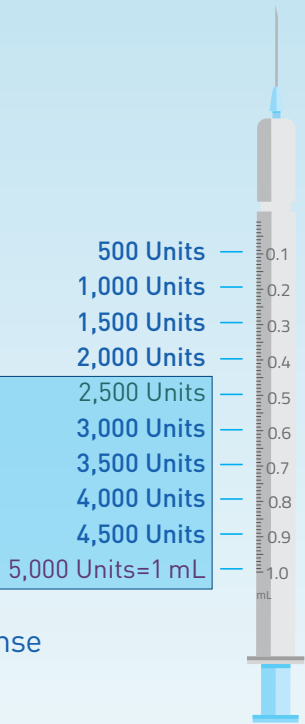
Dosing Considerations

- Cervical dystonia symptom severity
- Risk of swallowing or breathing difficulties in patients with neuromuscular disorders<sup>4</sup>
- Patient weight and muscle bulk

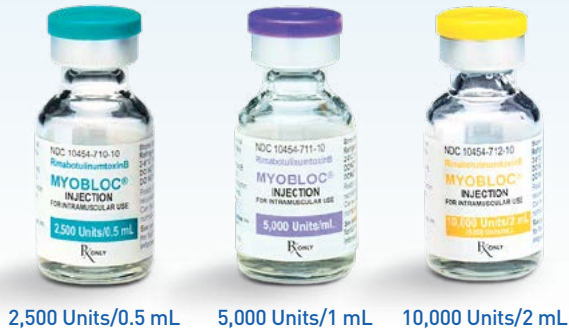
Dosing Recommendations

Recommended initial total dose divided among affected muscles<sup>4</sup>:

- Patients with a prior history of tolerating botulinum toxin injections is 2,500 to 5,000 Units
- Patients without a prior history of tolerating botulinum toxin injections should receive a lower initial dose
- Subsequent dosing should be optimized according to the patient’s response



3 single-dose vial sizes for single-patient use



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