

## Background

This study aims to investigate the potential for cervical issues as a cause of migraines by analyzing cervical x-ray images. We have collected x-ray data from two chiropractic offices, including a set of images from patients diagnosed with migraines and a set from the general population. Using machine learning and artificial intelligence techniques, we will train and test a model on this data to determine if it is possible to predict migraines with a statistically significant level of accuracy by identifying cervical issues on x-rays. The end goal of this research is to establish a causal relationship between cervical issues and migraines and provide a non-invasive and costeffective means of migraine diagnosis and treatment, improving patient outcomes and reducing healthcare costs..



Picture 1. Stock image from iStockImages representing pain from a migraine.

Deidentified X-rays have been obtained from 226 individual patients of Migraine and Neuro Rehab.

## **Development of a Neural Network Model to Identify Abnormalities in Cervical X-Rays**

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Anterior-Posterior Open Figure 1. Mouth





Figure 3. Lateral Cervical Figure 4. Lateral Cervical Flexion Extension





Figure 2. Lateral Cervical Neutral



Oblique



Figure 5. Anterior Posterior Cervical



**Figure 8.** Right Posterior Oblique.





X-Ray Examples Cont.

Figure 6. Left Posterior



Figure 7. Left Anterior Oblique



Figure 9. Right Anterior Oblique.