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## Cervical spine x ray report

The cervical spine is the area of the spine commonly referred to as the neck. It consists of seven vertebrae, each referred to by C, attached with an identification number. The number indicates the level of the cervical spine in which the vertebra is located. The cervical spine is often called the C spine in short. An example of the naming conventions of the cervical vertebrae is the seventh cervical vertebra. It's called C7, or C-7. Tonpor Kasa/Getty Images Each area of the spine has a curve. Spinal curves go in alternate directions (when viewing the body from the side.) The cervical spine has a normal lordosis, which means that from a lateral view, the curve is directed towards the front of the body. The lumbar spine also has a normal lordosis, while the thoracic spine and sacrum have normal cyphoses. A kyphotic curve is one that is directed towards the back of the body when you view the body from the side. Cervical spine injuries run range from mild to life-modifying or even lethal, and have a number of potential causes. Often a problem with the neck will include, by nature, some of the others. This is mainly due to the fact that when you injure a spinal structure, the soft tissue in the area will likely be affected as well. For example, a herniated disc in the cervical spine can lead to muscle spasms in the neck and shoulder, and whiplash can lead to sprains of the spinal ligaments. From neck growth to muscle strain and sprain of ligaments, most cervical spine injuries are only to soft tissue. Soft tissue injuries tend to be easier to heal and recover, as it usually does not require surgery. Instead, a physical therapy course can help you get over the injury. But if, after 6 weeks of physical therapy, symptoms persist, your doctor may suggest an injection (possibly a spinal epidural) to help relieve pain. But certain types of cervical spine injuries can be very serious. These are fractures, dislocations, and spinal cord injuries. Grade IV ligament sprains or muscle strains are also considered to be serious. Other lesions of the cervical spine include herniated disc, Grade III strains, and sprains, stingers and burners (usually an athletic injury that is temporary but can be severe, which justifies medical attention.) Researchers in the UK prospectively examined a large number of patient files (over 250,000) who suffered major trauma to find out how many of them suffered cervical spine injuries. They found that the rate of spinal injuries c was 3.5%; 35 years of age or older, who suffered severe facial fractures, experienced a mechanism of injury decreased systolic blood pressure and/or a low Glasgow coma score increased the risk. And finally, the cervical spine can develop degenerative changes that can lead to arthritis and stenosis. These changes are usually, but not always, related to advancing age. Thanks for your feedback! What are your concerns? Verywell Health only uses studies evaluated by colleagues with colleagues to support the facts in our articles. Read our editorial process to learn more about how we verify facts and keep our content accurate, reliable and reliable. Kaiser JT, Lugo-Pico JG. Anatomy, head and neck, cervical vertebrae. [Updated March 22, 2019]. In: StatPearls [Internet]. Treasure Island (FL): StatPearls Publishing; Jan-. Available from: Grob D, Frauenfelder H, Mannion AF. The association between curvature of the cervical spine and neck pain. Eur Spine J. 2007;16(5):669-678. twn:10.1007/s00586-006-0254-1 Mirbagheri SS, Rahmani-Rasa A, Farmani F, Amini P, Nikoo MR. Assessment of Cyphosis and Lordosis in students by using a flexible leader and their relationship to the severity and frequency of chest and lumbar pain. Asian spine J. 2015;9(3):416-422. twn:10.4184/asj.2015.9.3.416 Torlincasi AM, Waseem M. Cervical lesions. [Updated 2019 Mar 19]. In: StatPearls [Internet]. 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Additional sources of reading: Hasler R., Exadaktylos A., Bouamra O., Benneker L., Clancy M., Sieber R., Zimmermann H., Locky F. Epidemiology and cervical spinal injury predictors in adult large patient trauma: a multicenter cohort study. J Trauma Acute Care Surg. April 2012. Cervical spine plays a key role in supporting the weight and mobility of the head, as well as in facilitating electrical signals and blood flow between the brain and the rest of the body. Consisting of seven vertebrae and six intervertebral discs, muscles, tendons, ligaments, blood vessels and nerves, the cervical spine is a complex structure. The cervical spine has seven vertebrae, eight nerves and six intervertebral discs. Look at Cervical Spine Anatomy Video This article is an overview of the changes and degeneration that a cervical spine experiences with age. While the cervical spine resists remarkably well for most people during its age-related degeneration, in some cases, can lead to pain. advertising A typical cervical spine goes through the next life cycle. Birth until the age of 2 years. At birth, the cervical discs are large and round, filled with liquid damping gel. Relatively small vertebral bodies begin almost spherical in shape, similar to a watermelon. At about 3 months, cervical lordosis (back curve of the neck) develops as the child begins to lift his head. During these early years, the head is unstable due to relatively small cervical spine and developing postural muscles and ligaments that hold it up. The most mobile segment of the cervical spine is initially located at the vertebral level C2-C3.1 See Cervical discs Ages 2-10. Cervical discs begin to flatten and assume a less rounded shape, while the vertebral bodies become relatively larger and more rectangular. The curve of cervical lordosis tends to become larger by the age of 5 years and then becomes less pronounced, as the cervical vertebrae continue to change shape and postural muscles and ligaments begin to support the head better.1 Look at the cervical vertebrae Anatomy Animation Adolescent. By early adolescence, the cervical spine had taken its adult form, although its size would continue to grow for a few years. Compared to the younger cervical spine, the adolescent spine has less space for nerve roots to exit through the bone holes of the spinal canal, called foramina. This change occurs because the facet joints, in the back (posterior) of the cervical spine, angle down more and have developed more bone while the nerve root has also become larger. The most mobile segment of the cervical spine has now moved from C2-C3 to C5-C6, where it remains through the rest of adolescence and maturity.1 In general, the neck has lost its mobility in exchange for a larger sturdiness. See all about C2-C5 Spinal Motion Segments maturity. The fully developed cervical spine has reached its peak in terms of ensuring an optimal act of balancing head support and protecting the spinal cord, while allowing a high degree of mobility. However, at this point it also began to exhibit at least some degeneration. Over maturity, cervical discs gradually lose their hydration, the joints of the facets lose more and more protective cartilage, and the cervical spine tends to float forward while the height of the neck (and thus of the head) tends to decrease. See Common Face Anatomy Animation Until the age of 70, most cervical spine exhibit significant visible degeneration on X-rays as well as on MRI imaging, even if few people feel or notice any See cervical disc degenerative disease When spinal degeneration is serious In some cases, spinal degeneration may progress to the point of causing a nerve root to become trapped and/or inflamed, which can cause symptoms of cervical radiculopathy to radiate down the arm, such as severe pain, pini-and-needles tingling, numbness, and/or It is also possible that spinal degeneration enters the main aspect of the spinal canal and pushes against the spinal cord, which could lead to symptoms of myelopathy, such as difficulty coordination, balance, walking, bowel and bladder function, and/or pain that pulls down the back or leg. See what cervical radiculopathy is? Advertising If cervical radiculopathy or symptoms of myelopathy are not addressed by a doctor, permanent nerve damage may occur. 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