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Getting an accurate diagnosis for migraine can take years — even decades — but a new app being developed at OSF HealthCare in Peoria could help doctors diagnose it faster and more precisely.

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For millions of people living with migraine, getting the right diagnosis is often a long and frustrating process. Now, a team from OSF HealthCare and the University of Illinois College of Medicine Peoria is developing a new tool called **MIGRO** — short for *Migraine Referral Optimization*.

The app walks patients through questions about their headaches and symptoms, using an algorithm to help pinpoint whether it's migraine, another headache type, or something more serious.

Dr. Hrachya Nersesyan, (**rah-chah nur-SES-SEE-an,**) a headache neurologist at OSF Illinois Neurological Institute says the app could make a big difference for busy primary care providers.

SOUNDBITE (Dr. Hrachya Nersesyan):

"It allows and gives the ability to providers, in a fairly short period of time, to hit all the key question marks and points that one needs to come to the diagnosis of migraine or to say, 'Well this headache is not a migraine,' or to define between different types of migraine that exists out there."

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Researchers hope to begin primary care testing across OSF HealthCare by early next year.