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Pedro was amazed. He was pain free and could move his arm any way he wanted. He left the room and showed everyone in the waiting room what he could do. He stayed for the rest of our clinic and continued to show off his renewed mobility.

The next week Patricio saw Pedro again and realized he needed a second injection, and asked me if I could show him how to do it. Though he was a family practice doctor with 8 years of experience in rural Paraguay, he did not know how to perform this simple procedure. So I talked Patricio through it, showing him how to determine the proper site for injection and how to sterilize the skin.

Now we have a respected gentleman who is not only free of pain, but is in the community talking about his successful treatment at our clinic. And we have a doctor who knows a new way to give relief to patients when other methods do not work. Sometimes even the simplest things have effects we cannot imagine.

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