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Medical researchers in the U.S. and Britain are trying to figure out how and why a unique type of South American folk remedy against snakebite works.

The treatment involves the application of low amperage-high voltage electric shock to the site of a snakebite. this type of shock is very similar to that produced by a stun gun. In South American jungles the shock is often produced by an automobile or motorcycle spark plug wire.

In 34 documented cases people bitten by poisonous snakes were given a series of four to five electric shocks on the wound. All of the patients recovered within an hour of the treatment and were able to function normally. All of the pain from the bites was gone in 15 minutes. In follow up interviews, none of the patients showed tissue damage from the snake bites, or the shock treatment.