

Venom that heals: bee stings to treat illnesses

LOCATION: Churriana (Málaga)

DURATION: 1'51"

SUMMARY: Using bee stings to treat certain illnesses such as fibromyalgia, backache and arthrosis, or even ulcers. It's called apitherapy and Sergio Guerrero began to apply it in Granada after working as a beekeeper for several years. He founded 'La Colmena sanadora' ('The Healing Hive'), and his idea is spreading all over Andalusia, becoming a national benchmark.

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Bee stings to treat certain illnesses. That's what apitherapy offers. Sergio was a bee keeper before he opened several clinics in Andalusia. The first one was opened in Granada, and today they are becoming a benchmark not only in Spain but also internationally.

SERGIO GUERRERO
Founder of La Colmena Sanadora

"That secret that nature keeps in its sting. No mysteries. From the moment that the sting occurs, we only talk about biomedicine. The 40 biologically active components with the highest healing potential in the organism are contained in a bee sting"

Among these elements are adolapin, which is a pain killer, and the 401 peptide, an anti-inflammatory. All the clinics are close to the hives from where they bring the bees that are going to be used with the patients. This is the hive used by Álvaro in Málaga. For a more effective treatment, bees must be mature and in the late stages of their life cycle.

ÁLVARO MANZANO
Apitherapist

"We start with two-three stings in the first sessions. Cervical and lumbar problems, arthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, arthrosis..."

But before, every patient must be tested to determine if they are allergic to bees. Jorge is being treated for two ulcers that are progressing very well. Ángel suffers from tendinitis and Mari Carmen is affected by fibromyalgia and degenerative arthrosis. She claims that stings make her feel better.

JORGE ROUQUIER
Patient

"They began to heal very well, and they continue to do it."

ÁNGEL FERNÁNDEZ
Patient

"I didn't feel the sting. It's like if it contained anesthesia. I could only raise this arm to this height, and now I get it up here."

MARÍA DEL CARMEN RODRÍGUEZ
Patient

"I feel less pain. I can do more things with my hands, I am less exhausted."

Bees die when the stinger tears away but, for every specimen that is used in the clinic, one hundred are breed; because these therapists have also received training in beekeeping.

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