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### **Description of a medically unexplained case**

The patient's name is Mrs. Alice Benlian, of the Armenian Oriental rite, born in Aleppo in 1933, married to Mr. Ohannès Benlian and mother of three children: one boy and two girls.

She is one of my patients who consult me for all her ailments. Around 1970, she had come to see me, complaining of an aching shoulder (which became reddish and sore), thus preventing any motion. The examination was difficult to carry out. It had already been two days that she was enduring those sufferings. I prescribed to her some antibiotics and requested her to come back and see me in a week.

A week later, she came back as agreed, after having consulted a chiropractor who had recorded a dislocation of the shoulder and had placed her in a sling. Since then, the movement of her fingers had weakened and her shoulder swell.

Six weeks later, that same chiropractor removed the bandage, thus enabling the movement of the arm. The motion was much weakened. An X-ray of the arm was undertaken and it was actually established that the motion of the arm and the fingers was very weakened; her arm had the shape of a stork neck, the radial nerve was strained; she could not move her arm or her hand without help.

I advised her to exercise so as to improve the motion of her weakened limbs and prescribed to her once more some anti-biotic which, unfortunately, did not bear any result.

My patient sought the advice of my colleague, Doctor Charles Taoutel, as well.

One year later, she went to Beyrouth, Lebanon, to seek the advice of some specialists who had the same prognosis and did not give her any hope of improvement.

She also went to see other specialists, without any result, despite the X-rays which were undertaken.

They noticed some serious lesions in the arm and the elbow of Mrs. A. Benlian. At the last X-ray, one noticed a spread of 20-25 millimeters between the arm and the torso, the motion of her fore-arm

was reduced to 120 degrees instead of the 180 degrees normal spread; the maximal flexion was 30 degrees instead of the normal 90 degrees, thus showing that the joint between the arms muscles was spread by 120 degrees. She could not take a bath without the help of her relatives.

Her case could not improve despite the undergone treatments and analysis.

One day towards the end of January 1983, I went to see the husband of Mrs. A. Benlian, Mr. Ohannès, who is a mechanic, for a mechanical problem. He asked me what I thought about the condition of his wife's arm. I answered: No hope at all. He then told me that his wife will come back to seek my advice very shortly, because she had gone to Damascus to visit the house of the Virgin Mary. She had been the only person cured there among several people. As a matter of act, half an hour later, she came to see me at my clinic. She showed me her arm and fingers articulating normally. Her fore-arm could stretch to 180 degrees. The arm could spread from her torso up to 90 degrees, thus permitting the normal usage of her arm.

I asked her for the original X-rays and she answered that she had lost them seeing that she had despaired from ever being cured .

I have no explanation medical or partial regarding this cure (recovery).