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least as many cases of permanent physical handicap. The solution to this crisis demands an international effort to promote transfer of technology to affected countries, to improve standards through the WHO's prequalification scheme and to facilitate distribution of antisera and training of medical personnel in their optimal use.--Publisher's description.
