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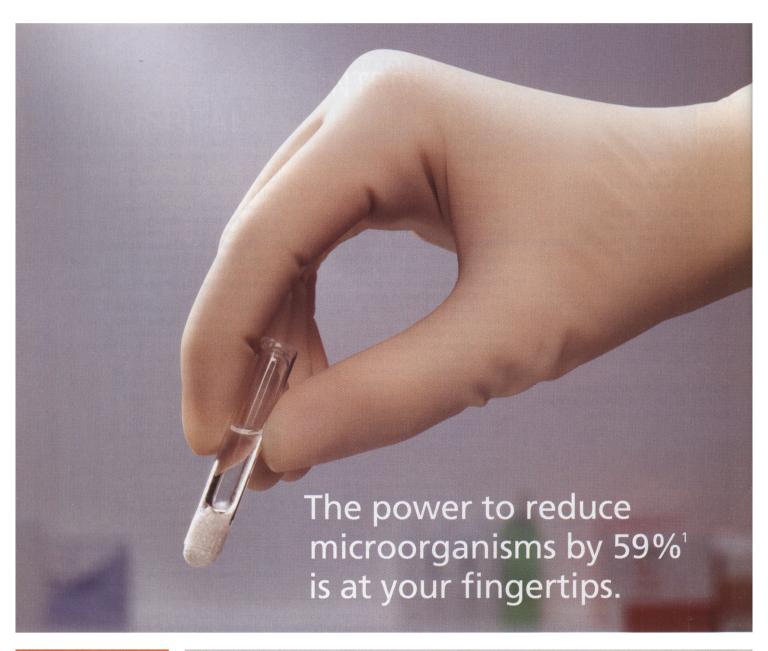
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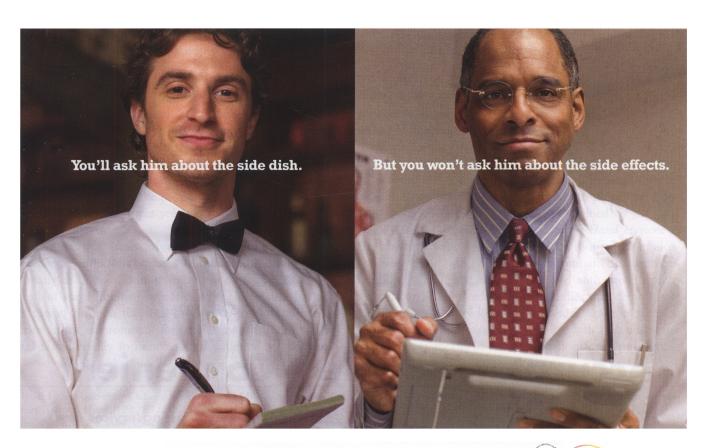
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#### How can you help?

- ★ Register for SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands if you haven't already and ask 5 others that you know to register as well. The process is simple, go to: http://www.who.int/gpsc/5may/register/en/index.html
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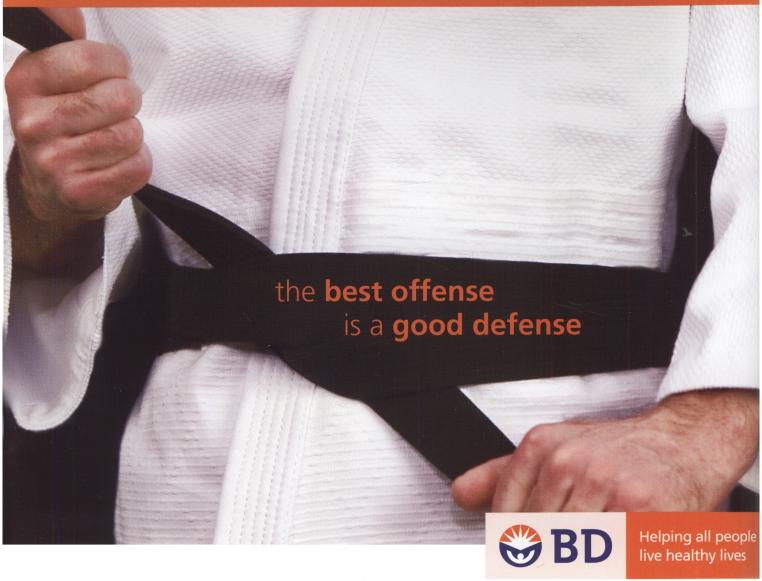
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