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(voo"kĕr-ē'rē-ă)

[Otto Wucherer, Ger. physician, 1820-1873]

A genus of filarial worms of the class Nematoda, commonly found in the tropics.

A species that causes elephantiasis. Adults of the species live in human lymph nodes and ducts. Females give birth to sheathed microfilariae, which remain in internal organs during the day but at night are in circulating blood, where they are sucked up by night-biting

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