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# Mycobacterium chelonae

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## Source

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A species of aerobic, Gram positive, rods assigned to the phylum Actinobacteria. This species is acid fast, oxidase negative, urease and catalase positive, nonmotile and nonsporulating. *M. chelonae* is a fast growing mycobacterium isolated from environmental, animal and human sources and is often associated with post-operative soft tissue infection.