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# Corynebacterium minutissimum

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National Cancer Institute. *Corynebacterium minutissimum*. NCI Thesaurus. Code C86317.

A species of aerobic or facultatively anaerobic, Gram-positive, coryneform, pleomorphic bacilli assigned to the phylum Actinobacteria. This species is nonmotile, non-spore forming catalase and pyrazinamidase positive, indole and urease negative, non-lipophilic, does not reduce nitrate, ferments glucose, sucrose and maltose, hydrolyzes hippurate, but not casein or gelatin. *C. minutissimum* causes erythrasma and pruritic scaly rashes in diabetic patients.