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# Mycobacterium fortuitum

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A species of aerobic, Gram positive, rod shaped bacterium assigned to the phylum Actinobacteria. This species is acid fast, nonmotile, urease negative and catalase, nitrate reductase, and esculin positive. *M. fortuitum* is found in natural and processed water sources, sewage and dirt, and can cause various clinical syndromes, including local disease after injury or surgical trauma, and disseminated infection in immunocompromised patients.