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# Prevotella intermedia

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A species of obligately anaerobic, Gram-negative, rod shaped bacteria assigned to the phylum Bacteroidetes. This species is nonmotile, non-spore forming, pigmented, sucrose and indole positive, but xylose, arabinose, cellobiose, rhamnose, salicin, lactose, esculin hydrolysis, beta-N-acetyl-glucosaminidase, beta-glucosidase and glycine aminopeptidase negative. *P. intermedia* is found in gingival crevices where it can cause gingivitis, chronic periodontitis, and other infections of the oral cavity, but is also associated with abscesses and a variety of systemic infections.