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# Clostridium tertium

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A species of anaerobic, Gram positive, rod shaped bacteria assigned to the phylum Firmicutes. This species is aerotolerant, non-exotoxin producing, ferments glucose, lactose, maltose and sucrose, reduces nitrate and is nonproteolytic. *C. tertium* has traditionally been considered nonpathogenic but has since been designated an emerging pathogen in immunocompromised and wound patients, causing necrotizing fasciitis and gas gangrene.