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Naegleria fowleri

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A species of parasitic amoeba in the family Vahlkampfiidae. *N. fowleri* is the only species of *Naegleria* that infects humans. Infection occurs through the nose and causes a very rare, but severe, infection of the brain called primary amoebic meningoencephalitis.