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# Enterococcus avium

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A species of facultatively anaerobic, Gram-positive, cocci shaped bacteria in the phylum Firmicutes. This species is nonmotile, non-spore forming, catalase negative, hydrolyzes esculin, but not starch or hippurate, produces hydrogen sulfide, and does not reduce nitrate. *E. avium* has been isolated from chicken feces and is commensal in the human GI tract, but can be pathogenic to humans and in some cases is vancomycin resistant.