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# Nocardia otitidiscaviarum

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## Source

National Cancer Institute. *Nocardia otitidiscaviarum*. NCI Thesaurus. Code C86617.

A species of aerobic, Gram-positive, rod shaped bacteria assigned to the phylum Actinobacteria. This species is nonmotile, catalase and urease positive, reduces nitrate, hydrolyzes esculin, hypoxanthine, and xanthine, but not casein, elastin, testosterone, or tyrosine. *N. otitidiscaviarum* is found in soil and has only been associated with a few cases of nocardiosis.