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# Propionibacterium propionicum

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## Source

National Cancer Institute. *Propionibacterium propionicum*. NCI Thesaurus. Code C86683.

A species of anaerobic, Gram-positive, rod shaped bacteria assigned to the phylum Actinobacteria. This species is non-spore forming, catalase, indole, and urease negative, reduces nitrate, but does not hydrolyze esculin. *P. propionicum* is part of the normal human oral cavity flora, but can cause canaliculitis and dacryocystitis as well as many other infections.