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# Alternaria

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A genus of dematiaceous fungi within the phylum Ascomycota that are ubiquitous in nature and are common allergens in humans. Members of the *Alternaria* genus produce septate, brown and filamentous hyphae, and may cause opportunistic infections in immunocompromised individuals, such as phaeohyphomycosis, onychomycosis, sinusitis, ulcerated cutaneous infections, keratitis, visceral infections and osteomyelitis.