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Treponema pallidum

National Cancer Institute

Source

National Cancer Institute. *Treponema pallidum*. NCI Thesaurus. Code C86825.

A species of anaerobic, Gram indeterminate, spiral shaped bacteria assigned to the phylum Spirochaetes. This species is motile, NADH oxidase positive, ferments glucose and is an obligate parasite. *T. pallidum* is the causative agent of syphilis and at least 3 other subspecies are also human pathogens.