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# Capnocytophaga gingivalis

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National Cancer Institute. *Capnocytophaga gingivalis*. NCI Thesaurus. Code C86240.

A species of facultatively anaerobic, Gram-negative, fusiform, filamentous bacilli assigned to the phylum Bacteroidetes. This species is motile, non-spore forming, oxidase, catalase, and indole negative, does not hydrolyze esculin, nor produce hydrogen sulfide. *C. gingivalis* is part of the normal gingival flora in humans, but can cause periodontitis.