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Nocardia brasiliensis

National Cancer Institute

Source

National Cancer Institute. *Nocardia brasiliensis*. NCI Thesaurus. Code C86613.

A species of aerobic, Gram-positive, rod shaped bacteria assigned to the phylum Actinobacteria. This species is nonmotile, catalase and urease positive, acid-fast, oxidase negative, hydrolyzes casein, elastin, esculin, hypoxanthine, testosterone, and tyrosine, but not xanthine, produces acid phosphatase, and reduces nitrate. *N. brasiliensis* is naturally found in soil and is one of the main causative agents of nocardiosis.