

# Neisseria

***Neisseria*** is a genus of bacteria characterized as a **gram-negative aerobic diplococci**. The organisms are parasitic, they do not occur in the wild. Some species are **primarily pathogenic to humans** and are found in the mucous membranes of the respiratory and genital tracts. Non-pathogenic species populate the oral cavity and upper respiratory tract.

## ***Neisseria gonorrhoeae***

*N. gonorrhoeae* is primarily a pathogenic bacterium that causes gonorrhea.

 *For more information see [Neisseria gonorrhoeae](#).*

## ***Neisseria meningitidis***

*N. meningitidis* is a primarily pathogenic bacterium that causes epidemic purulent meningitis.

 *For more information see [Neisseria meningitidis](#).*

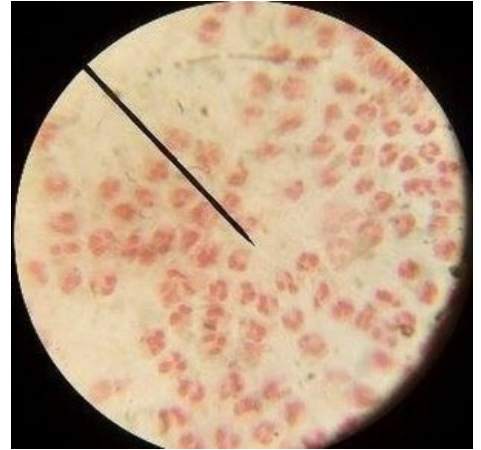
## **Other species of *Neisseria***

 *For more information see [Nonpathogenic Neisseria](#).*

## Links

## References

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