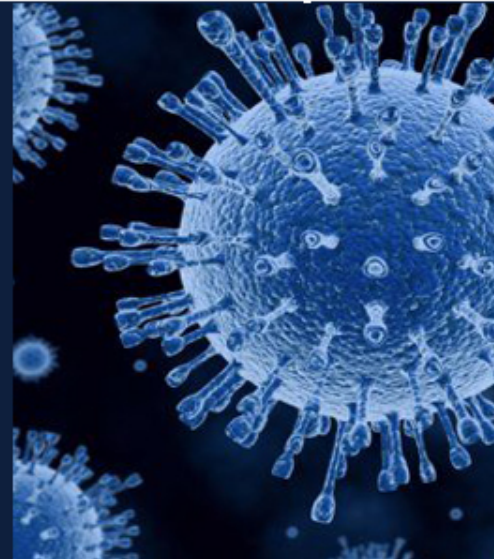
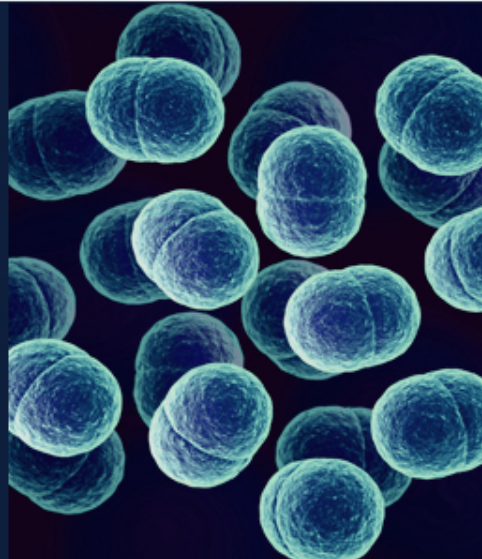


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Lecture 6

Gram Positive & Negative Bacteria

● Important

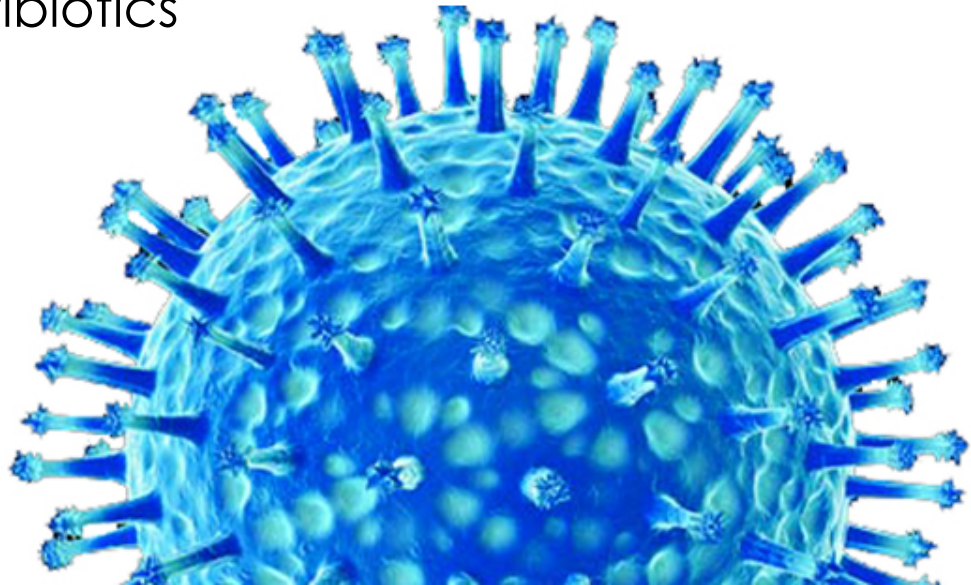
● Term

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● Additional notes

Objectives

- Know the general basic characteristics of bacteria.
- Differentiate between gram positive and gram negative bacteria characteristics.
- Know the classes and groups of gram positive bacteria and gram negative, cocci and bacilli (rods).
- Know the common identification characteristic of these groups.
- Know the common infections and diseases caused by these organisms and the antibiotics used for their treatment.



Gram Stain

- Developed in 1884 by the Danish physician Hans Christian **Gram**
- An important tool in bacterial taxonomy (**the branch of science concerned with classification**), distinguishing so-called **Gram-positive bacteria**, which remain **colored** after the staining procedure, from **Gram-negative bacteria**, which **do not retain** dye and need to be **counter-stained**.
- Can be applied to **pure cultures** of bacteria or to **clinical specimens**.

Type

Gram positive cell wall

- **Thick**, homogenous sheath of **peptidoglycan** 20-80 nm thick
- Tightly bound **acidic polysaccharides**, including **teichoic acid** and **lipoteichoic acid**
- **Cell membrane**

Retain crystal violet and stain **PURPLE or BLUE**

Gram negative cell wall

- Outer membrane containing **lipopolysaccharide (LPS)**
- **Thin** shell of **peptidoglycan**
- Periplasmic space (**between the cell wall & plasma membrane**)
- Inner membrane

Lose crystal violet and stain **PINK or RED** from **safranin** counterstain

Consist of

stain



تحتفظ هذه البكتيريا بلونها بعد أن
تصبغت بصبغة جرام مهما تعرضت
لأي مادة كيميائية، فهي كالكريستال
قوية وصلبة

Safranin counterstain

حتى لا تنسى تذكر أن:
الزعفران لونه أحمر و نوع هذه
البكتيريا تتصبغ باللون الأحمر



Gram Stain

Step	Microscopic Appearance of Cell		Chemical Reaction in Cell Wall (very magnified view)	
	Gram (+)	Gram (-)	Gram (+)	Gram (-)
1. Crystal violet				
2. Gram's iodine				
3. Alcohol Or acetone				
4. Safranin (red dye)				

لاحظ كيف اختلف اللون البنفسجي وأصبحت
بلا لون (Decolorization)

Both cell walls affix the dye

Dye crystals trapped in wall

No effect of iodine

Crystals remain in cell wall

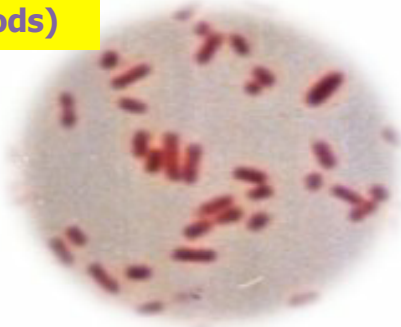
Cell wall partially dissolved, loses dye

Red dye has no effect

Red dye stains the colorless cell

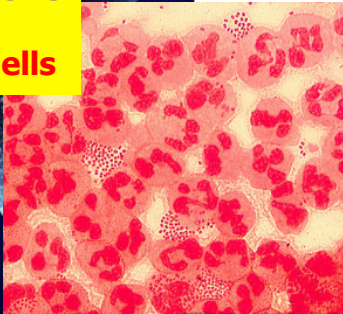
Gram Stain

Gram Negative
Bacilli(rods)

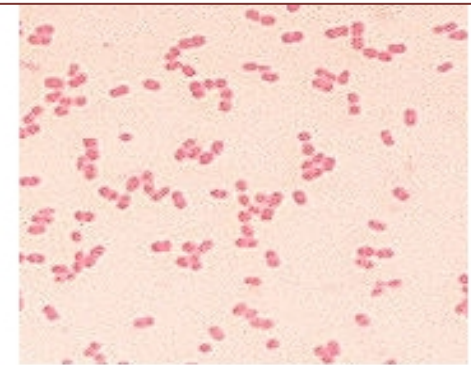
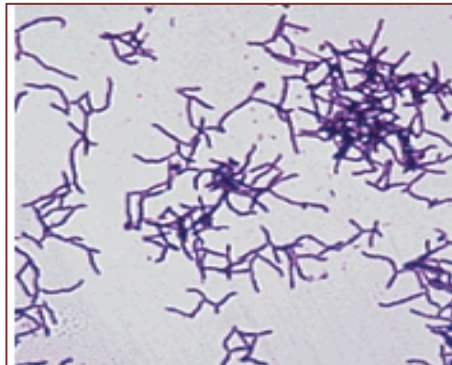
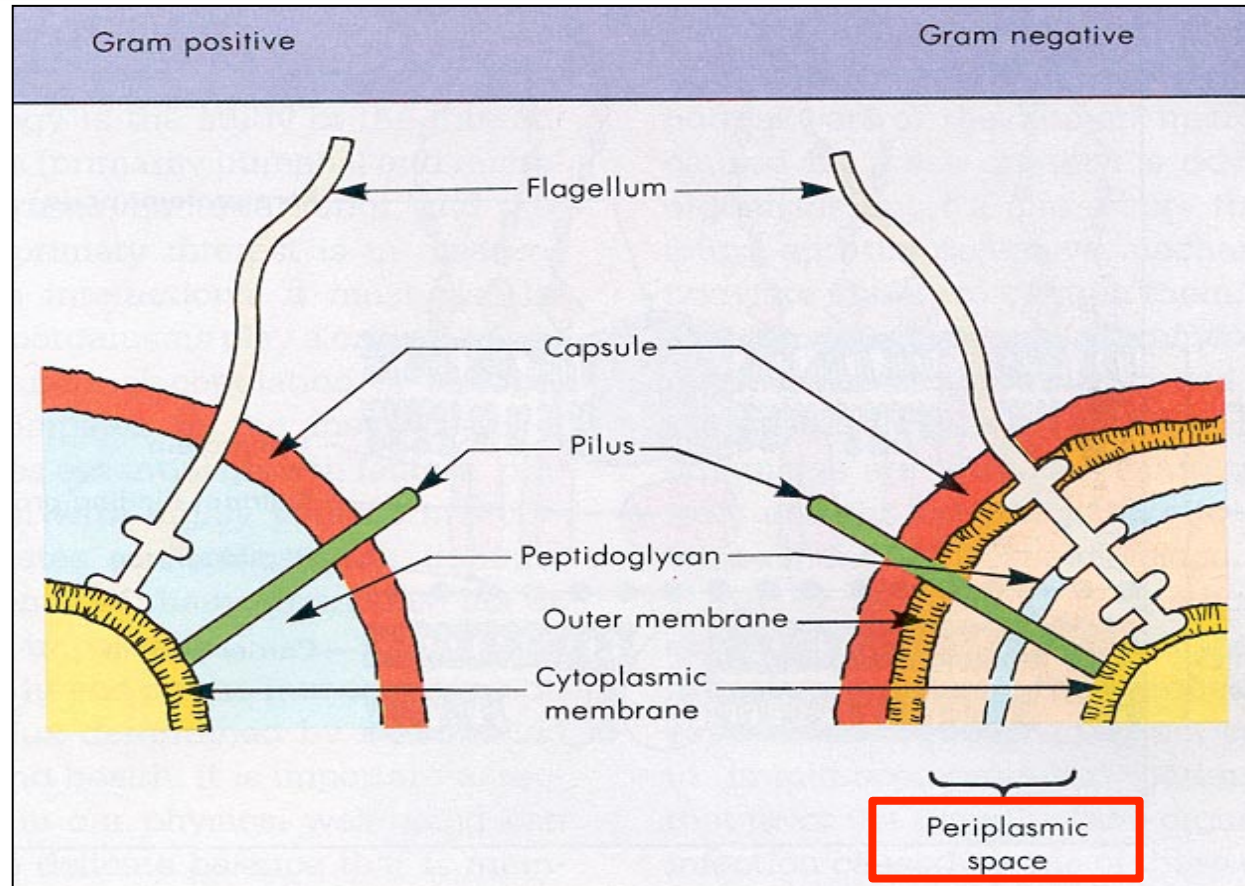


E.Coli
(Pure culture)

Gram Negative
Cocci
With Pus Cells

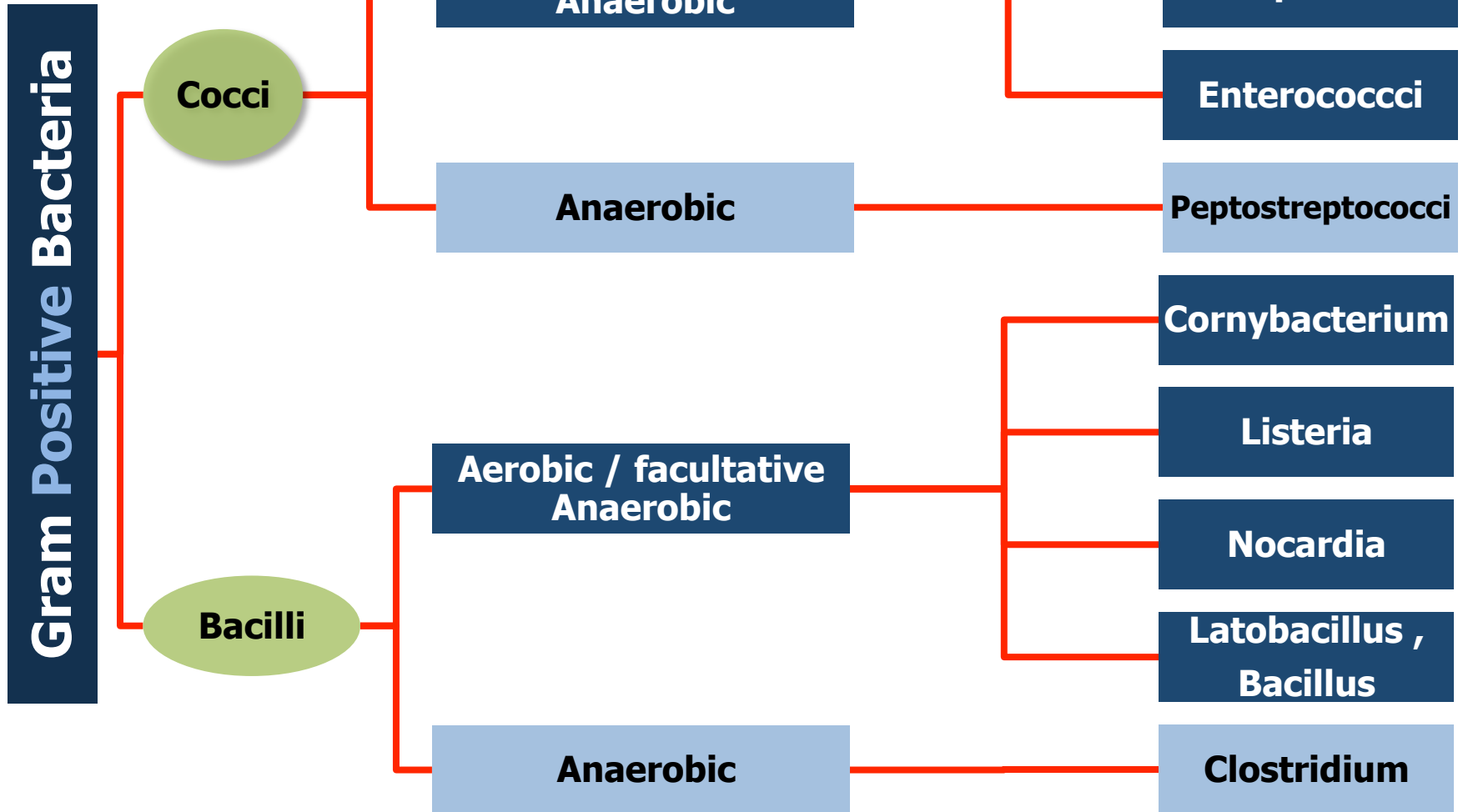


Neisseria gonorrhoeae
(Smear of urethral pus)
- Clinical specimen



Gram Positive Bacteria

Occurring optionally in response to circumstances rather than by nature.



Gram **Positive** Bacteria

Gram **Positive** Cocci (Aerobic / facultative Anaerobic)

1. **Staphylococci**

- * Catalase-**positive**
- * Gram-positive cocci in **clusters**

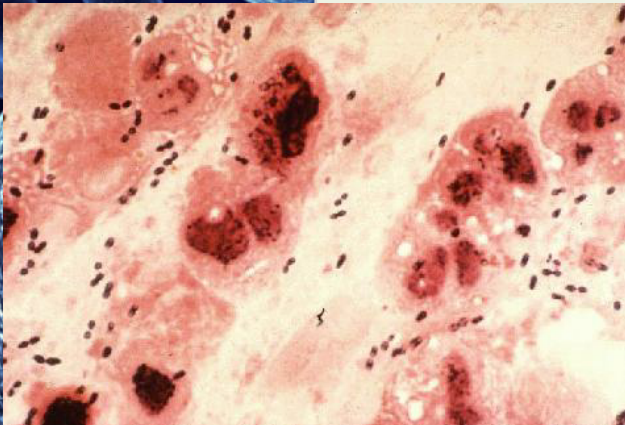
Coagulase-positive

Staphylococcus aureus
Most important pathogen

Coagulase negative

Staphylococcus epidermidis
Normal flora in the **skin**

Staphylococcus saprophiticus



Gram Positive Bacteria

2. Streptococci

- * Catalase-**negative**
- * Gram-positive cocci in **chains** or **pairs**

Streptococcus pyogenes

An example of **Group β - Hemolytic streptococcus**
(Most clinically important of this group)

Pathogenesis :

Pharyngitis (most common)

Cellulitis (acute inflammation of subcutaneous tissue)

Rheumatic Fever

Characterized by: Fever, Migrating polyarthriti s , carditis and immunologic cross reactivity

Acute Glomerulonephritis:

Edema, hypertension, hematuria antigen-antibody complex deposition

Viridans streptococci

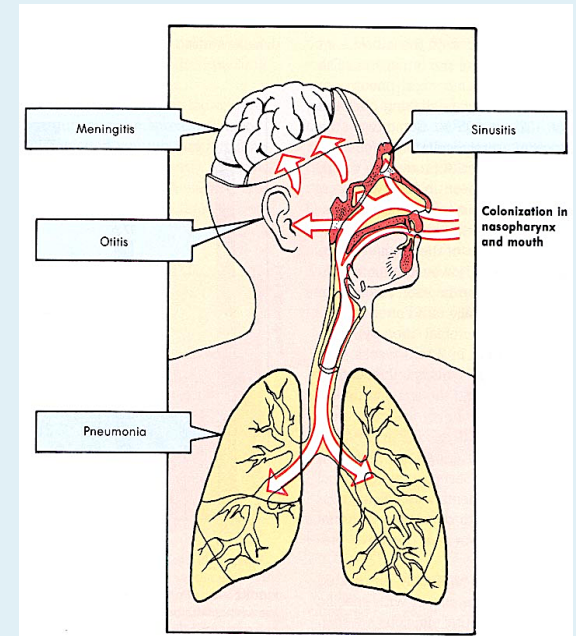
Occur in the **mouth** as normal flora.

Causes **endocarditis**
* Endocarditis is an infection of the inner lining of your heart (endocardium)]

Streptococcus pneumoniae

Causes:

- Meningitis
- Sinusitis
- Otitis
- Pneumonia

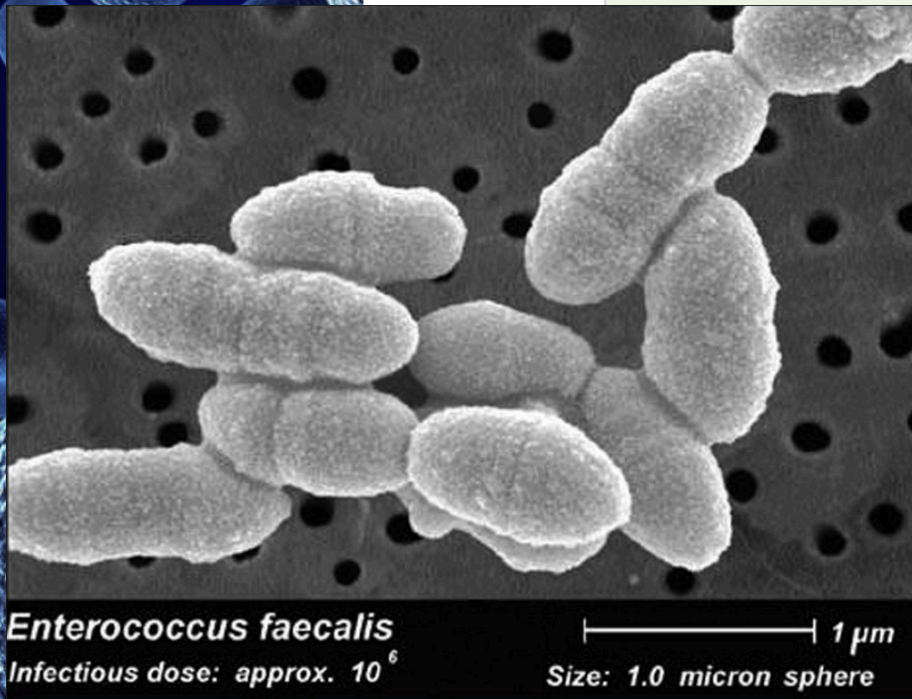


Gram **Positive** Bacteria

3. Enterococci

Example

Enterococcus faecalis



Gram **positive** bacteria

Bacilli

A-Non spore forming
B-Spore forming

Aerobic/facultative
anaerobe

Anaerobic



C.tetani



Gas gangrene

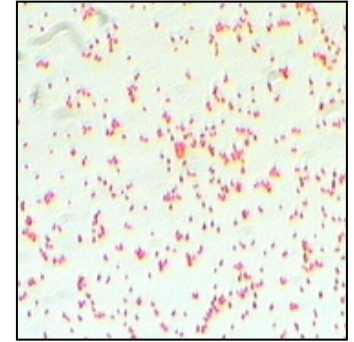
Aerobic spore forming most important is **Bacillus anthracis**, that causes **anthracis**
-Bacillus anthracis has the only bacterial capsule that's made of **POLYPEPTIDE**.

C. tetani and **C. botulinum** both **anaerobes** produce the same toxin but REMEMBER that **tetani's** toxin **inhibits** the inhibitory impulses in the brain otherwise **botulinum's** toxin will **inhibit** the **release** of **ACH**.

- **C. tetani**, Cause: **Tetanus**.
- **C. perfringens**, Cause: **Gas gangrene**.
- **C. botulinum**, Cause: **botulism**.
- Descending weakness-->**paralysis**
- diplopia, dysphagia-->**respiratory failure**
- **C. diphtheriae**, Cause: **Fever, pharyngitis, cervical LAD** (disease of the lymph nodes).
thick, gray, adherent membrane
sequelae-->airway obstruction, myocarditis

Gram- Negative Cocci

- ***Neisseria gonorrhoeae***
 - *The Gonococcus*
- ***Neisseria meningitidis*** (it is considered as potential pathogen in the oropharynx)
 - *The Meningococcus*
- Both Gram-negative intracellular **diplococci**
- *Moraxella catarrhalis*



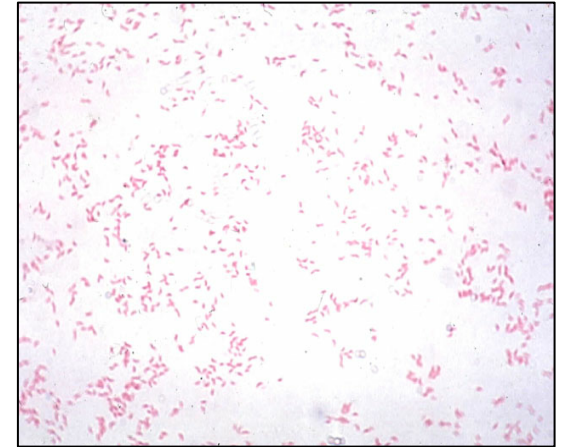
Gram- Negative Rods

- Enteric Bacteria they **ferment sugars** most important are;
 - *E. coli*
 - *Salmonella*
 - *Shigella*
 - *Yersinia and Klebsiella pneumoniae*
 - *Proteus*



Gram- Negative Rods

- **Fastidious GNRs**
 - *Bordetella pertussis*
 - *Haemophilus influenzae*
 - *Campylobacter jejuni*
 - *Helicobacter pylori*
 - *Legionella pneumophila*
- **Anaerobic GNRs**
 - *Bacteroides fragilis* (It is one of the anaerobes that resist penicillin so instead we should use Metronidazole for its treatment).
 - *Fusobacterium*



Oxidise positive non i.e. they do not ferment sugars e.g.:

- Pseudomonas** that causes infection in Immunocompromised patients
- Oxidise negative non fermentative e.g. **Acinobacter species**

Oxidise positive comma shaped and also fermentative most important is **Vibrio cholerae** that causes **cholera** which is a disease characterized by severe **diarrhea** and **dehydration**

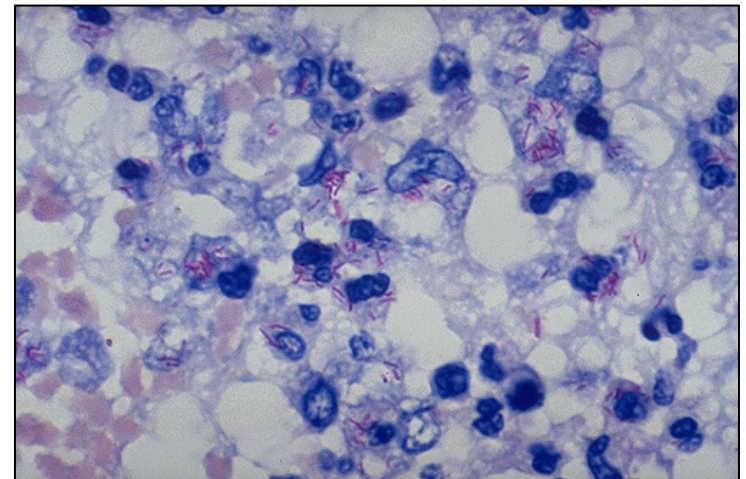
Non-Gram-stainable bacteria

Unusual gram-positives

- Spirochaetes**
- Obligate intra-cellular bacteria**

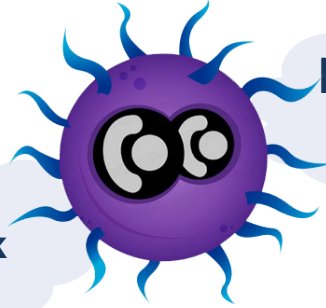
Unusual gram-Negative

- **Mycoplasmas**
 - Smallest free-living organisms
 - No cell wall
- **M. pneumonia, M. genitalium**





Online Quiz



**Pull my
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**Fine!
Just click
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Videos

[Gram Positive Bacteria vs Gram Negative Bacteria](#)

[Gram Staining](#)

[Bacterial characteristics - Gram staining](#)



Books that could help you

- ❖ Lippincott's Illustrated Reviews : Microbiology Second Edition.
- ❖ Lippincott's Microcards Microbiology Flash Cards Third Edition.



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