

Coagulase is a protein enzyme produced by several microorganisms that enables the conversion of [fibrinogen](#) to [fibrin](#). In the laboratory, it is used to distinguish between different types of [Staphylococcus](#) isolates. Importantly, *S. aureus* is generally coagulase-positive, meaning that coagulase negativity usually excludes *S. aureus*. However it is now known that not all *S. aureus* are coagulase-positive.

see [Coagulase negative staphylococcus](#).

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