

Meningococcal disease

Meningococcal disease describes infections caused by the bacterium [Neisseria meningitidis](#) (also termed meningococcus). It has a high mortality rate if untreated but is vaccine-preventable. While best known as a cause of [meningitis](#), it can also result in [sepsis](#), which is an even more damaging and dangerous condition. Meningitis and meningococemia are major causes of illness, death, and disability in both developed and under-developed countries.

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