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Escherichia coli [esh"ə-rık'e-ə coˈliː]

A gram-negative, facultatively anaerobic rod, Escherichia coli was named for Theodor Escherich, a German-Austrian pediatrician. Escherich isolated a variety of bacteria from infant fecal samples by using his own anaerobic culture methods and Hans Christian Gram’s new staining technique. Escherich originally named the common colon bacillus Bacterium coli commune. Castellani and Chalmers proposed the name E. coli in 1919, but it was not officially recognized until 1958.

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