

MYCOBACTERIUM TUBERCULOSIS

Mycobacterium tuberculosis is a bacteria that causes the disease tuberculosis which is most commonly an infection of the lungs. Symptoms of the disease include coughing, chest pain, and coughing up blood. Tuberculosis has plagued humans for centuries, with evidence of the disease existing in mummies of ancient Egyptians. The disease is spread through the air where people breathe in the bacteria which may initiate an infection in the lungs; however tuberculosis can infect other parts of the body by spreading from the lungs.

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