Urinary Tract Infection Caused by *Eikenella corrodens*

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To date, *Eikenella corrodens*, a fastidious, gram-negative rod, has not been recognized as a causative agent of urinary tract infections. Until now the organism has been isolated from infective endocarditis, abdominal, joint, and bone infections (3, 7), human bite wounds (9), genital ulcers after traumatic orogenital contact (5, 6), and other sites (3, 7, 10). *E. corrodens* is part of the human oropharyngeal and probably intestinal flora (8, 10).

In spring 2006, we encountered the case of an 83-year-old female with a urinary tract infection due to *E. corrodens*. The patient was referred to the Hospital of Sursee (Switzerland) with general malaise, abdominal pain, burning during micturition, and pollakiuria. Chronic lymphatic leukemia had been diagnosed in 2003. Prior to admission, the patient had a 2-year history of recurrent urinary tract infections. However, no infective agent could be isolated from her urine. There was also a history of recurrent anal prolapse and sigmoid diverticulitis. Analysis of catheterized spot urine showed an alkaline pH of 9.0, no nitrite, protein of 1 g/liter, more than 500 leukocytes per μl, and large quantities of erythrocytes and bacteria.

On cystine-lactose-electrolyte-deficient agar (UrinAX CL/MCE; AxonLab AG, Baden, Switzerland) hypochlorite-smelling colonies could be isolated from her urine. There was also a history of recurrent urinary tract infections. However, no infective agent has not been recognized as a causative agent of urinary tract infections. Until now the organism has been isolated from infections. Until now the organism has been isolated from infections. Until now the organism has been isolated from infections. Until now the organism has been isolated from infections. Until now the organism has been isolated from infections. Until now the organism has been isolated from infections. Until now the organism has been isolated from infections. Until now the organism has been isolated from infections. Until now the organism has been isolated from infections. Until now the organism has been isolated from infections. Until now the organism has been isolated from infections. Until now the organism has been isolated from infections.

The organism is mainly found in mixed infections with aerobic and anaerobic bacteria, especially accompanying oral flora (1, 7, 9). It is a general hospital: a report of 33 cases. Rev. Infect. Dis. 10:505–513.

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