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Named for Elizabeth O. King, a bacteriologist at the US Centers for Disease Control who studied meningitis in infants, *Elizabethkingia meningoseptica* is a gram-negative, obligate aerobic bacterium in the family *Flavobacteriaceae*. King named the bacterium *Flavobacterium* (from the Latin *flavus*, “yellow”) *meningosepticum*, and in 1994 it was reclassified in the genus *Chryseobacterium* (from the Greek *chryseos*, “golden”). In 2005, it was placed in the new genus *Elizabethkingia*.



Six-day-old blood agar growth of *Elizabethkingia meningoseptica* with 5 µg vancomycin (with zone of clearing) and 10 µg colistin disks. Source: Dr. Saptarshi via Wikimedia Commons (https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Elizabethkingia_meningoseptica_Blood_agar_plate.JPG).

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