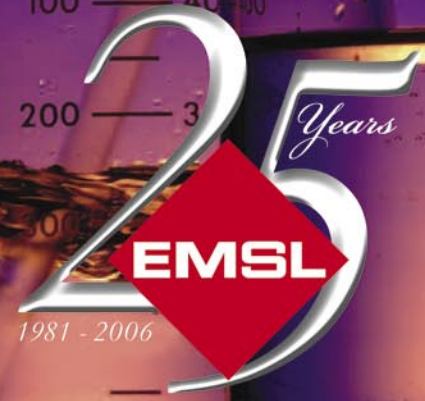


Fungal Glossary



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Candida

Natural Habitat	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Normal inhabitant of the skin, mouth, and vagina◆ Leaves◆ Flowers◆ Soil◆ Water
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Unknown
Water Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Unknown
Mode of Dissemination	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Can be passed from newborns from their mothers◆ It is also sometimes passed from catheters or prosthetic devices to patients
Allergenic Potential	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ <i>Candida</i> has been reported as an allergen
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Candidiasis (infections caused by <i>Candida</i> spp.), typically occurs in people with some predisposing factor such as pregnancy, disease (diabetes, AIDS, cancer)◆ Occurs often in patients taking drugs such as oral contraceptives and antibiotics