

What's Up With Your Gut Microbiome?



Vocabulary for Students

- **Antibiotic:** A medicine that is used to treat a bacterial infection either by killing bacteria or keeping them from growing and reproducing.
- **Bacteria:** Single-celled organisms that lack a nucleus.
- **Ecosystem:** The community of organisms in an area, along with their nonliving surroundings.
- **Fecal transplant:** The transfer of fecal bacteria from a healthy person to a sick person.
- **Fungi:** Eukaryotic organisms that get their food from decaying materials. Eukaryotic cells have a membrane-bound nucleus and organelles.
- **Gut microbiome:** The collection of bacteria, fungi, viruses, and other microbes that live inside our bodies.
- **Microbe:** A tiny creature that is too small to be seen with the naked eye.
- **Primary producer:** An organism that can make its own food.
- **Vaccine:** A substance made up of a weakened or killed disease-causing organism that produces immunity in the body against that organism.
- **Virus:** A tiny, nonliving particle that invades and then reproduces inside a living cell.

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