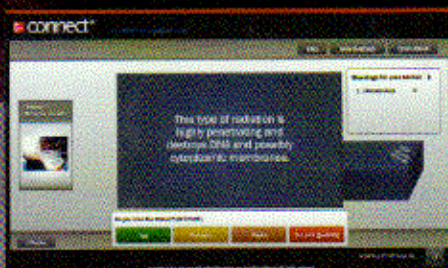


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The Gram-negative bacterium *Neisseria meningitidis* resides without consequence in the human nasopharynx, its only known reservoir. However, if it transits to the central nervous system or becomes blood-borne, it causes rapidly progressing and often fatal meningitis or septicemia, respectively. In fact, *N. meningitidis* is the most common cause of bacterial meningitis in the United States.



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