

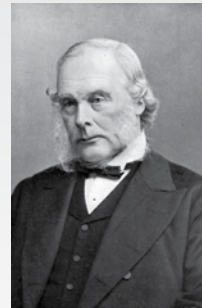
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## etymologia

### *Listeria* [lis-te're-ə]

A genus of small, gram-positive, rods, *Listeria* was first isolated by Murray in 1924 as *Bacterium monocytogenes*. In 1927, Pirie proposed the genus *Listerella* in honor of British surgeon Sir Joseph Lister (1827–1912), an early advocate of antiseptic surgery. It was not until 1939 that Pirie realized that this genus had already been taken by a slime mold (also named in honor of Lister, by Jahn in 1906). In 1940, he proposed the alternative name *Listeria*. The mouthwash Listerine was also named after Lister, in 1979 by Lawrence and Bosch, when it was marketed as a surgical antiseptic.



Joseph Lister, 1902. Photographer unknown. Weltrundschau zu Reclams Universum 1902, Public Domain, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=9647607>

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