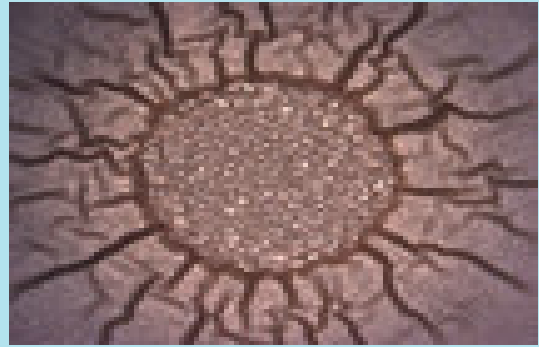


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Bacteria are single celled microorganisms that can have a large impact on our health and on our environment. The impact exerted by bacteria can have both positive and negative effects (when you consider things from a humans perspective!) For example, bacteria can break down compounds and polymers in the environment but can also be responsible for disease. In order for bacteria to be able to accomplish such tasks they cooperate with each other by using various methods of communication and form social communities called biofilms.

Find out about the fantastic biofilm communities bacteria can form and the ways in which this has an impact on our life. Be prepared to go home and want to clean your teeth very well!



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