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Staphylococcus epidermidis is both a friend and a foe to humans. Ubiquitously present in the human microbiota *S. epidermidis* interacts with the human host in multiple beneficial ways, but multidrug-resistant *S. epidermidis* are also emerging as pathogens in healthcare-associated infections, posing a threat to treatment outcomes. In this thesis, the molecular epidemiology of *S. epidermidis* in prosthetic joint infections has been studied and genetic traits associated with *S. epidermidis* PJIs investigated.

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