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douche  (d sh)

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n.

1.

a. A stream of water, often containing medicinal or cleansing agents, that is applied to a body part or cavity for hygienic or therapeutic purposes.

b. A stream of air applied in a similar way.

2. The application of a douche.

3. An instrument for applying a douche.

4. *Vulgar Slang* A foolish or contemptible person.

v. douched, douch-ing, douch-es

v.tr.

To cleanse or treat by means of a douche.

v.intr.

To cleanse or treat oneself with a douche.

[French, shower, from Italian *doccia*, conduit, back-formation from *doccione*, pipe, from Latin *ductiō*, *ductiōn-*, act of leading, from *ductus*, past participle of *dūcere*, to lead; see **deuk-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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