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n. pl. ab·du·cen·tes (ăb'd -sən tēz', -dy -)

Either of the sixth pair of cranial nerves that convey motor impulses to the rectus muscle on the lateral side of each eye.

[From Latin *abdūcēns*, present participle of *abdūcere*, to take away; see [ABDUCT.](#)]

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