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adj.

Producing or tending to produce swelling or tumefaction.

[Latin *tumefaciēns*, *tumefacient-*, present participle of *tumefacere*, to tumefy : *tumēre*, to swell; see **teuə-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *facere*, to make; see **dhē-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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