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n. pl. in·ti·mae (-mē') or *in·ti·mas*

Anatomy

The innermost membrane of an organ or part, especially the inner lining of a lymphatic vessel, an artery, or a vein.

[Latin, from feminine of *intimus*, innermost; see **en** in the [Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

in ti·mal *adj.*

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