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n.

1. *Medicine* Invagination, especially an infolding of one part of the intestine into another.
2. *Biology* Assimilation of new substances into the existing components of living tissue.

[Medieval Latin *intussusceptiō*, *intussusceptiōn-*, a taking in, admission, from *intussusceptus*, past participle of *intussuscipere*, to take in : Latin *intus*, within; see **en** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + Latin *suscipere*, to take up (*sub-*, *sub-* + *capere*, to take; see **kap-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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