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tr.v. **ex·en·ter·at·ed, ex·en·ter·at·ing, ex·en·ter·ates**

1. To disembowel; eviscerate.
2. *Medicine* To remove the contents of (an organ).

[Latin *exenterāre*, *exenterāt-*, to disembowel : *ex-*, *ex-* + Greek *enteron*, entrails; see **en** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

ex·en·ter·a tion *n.*

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