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ep·i·car·di·um  (ěp'ĩ-kär dē-əm)

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n. pl. **ep·i·car·di·a** (-dē-ə)

The inner layer of the pericardium that is in actual contact with the surface of the heart.

[New Latin : [EPI-](#) + Greek *kardiā*, heart; see **kerd-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

ep'i-car di-al *adj.*

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