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suc·cus·sion  (sə-kŭsh ən)

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n.

1. The act or process of shaking violently, especially as a method of diagnosis to detect the presence of fluid and air in a body cavity.
2. The condition of being shaken violently.

[Latin *succussiō*, *succussiōn-*, from *succussus*, past participle of *succutere*, to toss up : *sub-*, up from below; see [SUB-](#) + *quātere*, to shake; see [kwēt-](#) [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

suc·cus **sa·to'ry** (sə-kŭs ə-tôr'ē) *adj.*

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