Simple Definition of antigen

medical: a harmful substance that causes the body to produce antibodies

Source: Merriam-Webster's Learner's Dictionary

Full Definition of antigen

Any substance (as an immunogen or a hapten) foreign to the body that evokes an immune response either alone or after forming a complex with a larger molecule (as a protein) and that is capable of binding with a product (as an antibody or T cell) of the immune response.

- antigenic \ant-i-'je-nik\ adjective
- antigenically \ant-i-'je-nik-ə-lə\ adverb
- antigenicity \ant-i-'je-nis-tik-ə\ noun

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