acetabulum

noun

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ˈta-by-ləm

1: a ventral sucker of a trematode
2: the cup-shaped socket in the hipbone

acetabular

adjective

Origin and Etymology of acetabulum

Latin, literally, vinegar cup, from acetum vinegar

First Known Use: 1661

Medical Definition of acetabulum

1: the cup-shaped socket in the hip bone
2: a sucker of an invertebrate (as a trematode or leech)

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