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# lavage noun

la·vage | \lə-ˈvāzh , British usually ˈla-vij \

## Definition of *lavage*

: WASHING

*especially* : the therapeutic washing out of an organ or part

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French, from Middle French, from *laver* to wash, from Latin *lavare*

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#### **Medical Definition of *lavage* (Entry 1 of 2)**

: the act or action of washing

*especially* : the therapeutic washing out of an organ or part

// gastric *lavage*

### **lavage** transitive verb

laviged; laviging

#### **Medical Definition of *lavage* (Entry 2 of 2)**

**1** : to wash or wash out therapeutically

// *laviged* the bladder with water

// the incisions were *laviged* with sterile saline

**2** : to perform lavage on

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// she was intubated, *lavaged*, and received activated charcoal

— R. Rasmussen & P. E. McKinney

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