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effusion /ef-fu-sion/ (ě-fu'zhun)

- 1. escape of a fluid into a part; exudation or transudation. 2. effused material; an exudate or transudate.

pleural effusion fluid in the pleural space.

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ef-fu-sion (ĭ-fyoo'zhən)

n.

- 1. The escape of fluid from the blood vessels or lymphatics into the tissues or a cavity. 2. The fluid so escaped.

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Effusion

The escape of fluid from blood vessels or the lymphatic system and its collection in a cavity, in this case, the middle ear.

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Etymology: L, effundere, to pour out

- 1 the escape of fluid, for example, from blood vessels as a result of rupture or seepage, usually into a body cavity. The condition is usually associated with a circulatory or renal disorder and is often an early sign of congestive heart disease. The term may be associated with an affected body area, as pleural or pericardial effusion. See also edema, transudate. 2 the outward spread of a bacterial growth.

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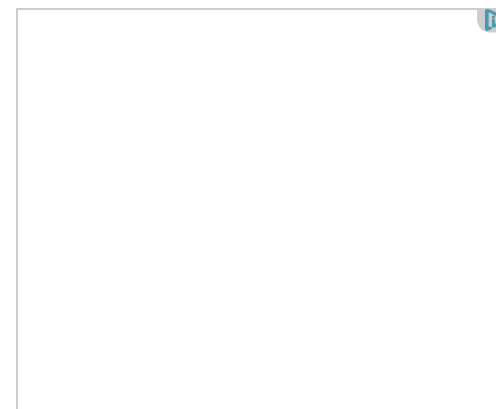
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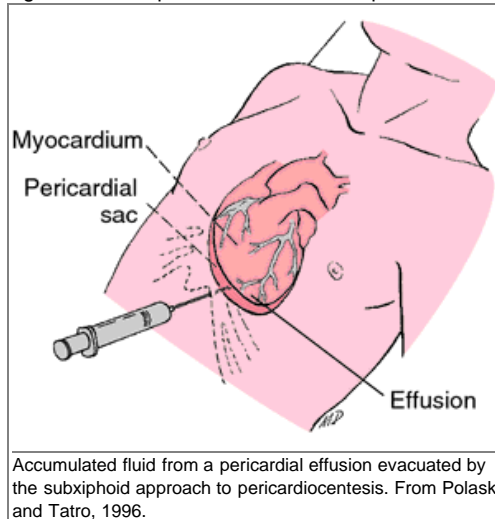
**chyliform effusion** see [CHYLOTHORAX](#).

**chylous effusion** see [CHYLOTHORAX](#).

**pericardial effusion** the accumulation of an abnormally large amount of pericardial fluid in the pericardium.

**pleural effusion** see [PLEURAL EFFUSION](#).

**pseudochylous effusion** see [CHYLOTHORAX](#).



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**effusion,**

*n* flow of fluid (i.e., blood) into a body cavity; can be an indication of congestive heart disease.

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**effusion**

Accumulation of fluid in various spaces of the body, or the knee itself, which is a frequent byproduct of injury. See [Ascites](#), [Peritoneal effusion](#), [Pleural effusion](#), [Pseudochylous effusion](#), [Subdural effusion](#).

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**effusion** extravasation of fluid into body tissues or cavities, such as a pleural effusion, or into joints where it causes swelling. In sport a joint effusion is a sign of significant damage to the joint. A knee filled with blood, rather than with joint (synovial) fluid, is called a [haemarthrosis](#), an injury requiring immediate care (e.g. cruciate ligament damage in the knee).

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**effusion** escape of fluid or plasma from blood or lymphatic vessels into tissues, e.g. acute inflammatory response

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