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(fis'chū-lă)

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[L. *fistula*, pipe]

An abnormal tubelike passage from a normal cavity or tube to a free surface or to another cavity. It may result from a congenital failure of organs to develop properly, or from abscesses, injuries, malignancies, radiation, surgery, or inflammatory processes that erode into neighboring organs.

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