

calcification noun

cal·ci·fi·ca·tion (,kal-sə-fə-'kā-shən)

1 : impregnation with **calcareous** matter: as

a : deposition of **calcium** salts within the matrix of cartilage often as the preliminary step in the formation of bone
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b : abnormal deposition of calcium salts within soft tissue often causing thickening or hardening

2 : a **calcified** structure or part

also : an abnormal deposit of calcium salts arterial *calcifications*



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