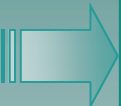


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- Indigestion
- Back pain
- Pain with intercourse
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