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☛ When you're working with a medical interpreter, look at the patient, not the interpreter, when you ask questions, p. 49.

☛ If your patient is dependent on alcohol, signs and symptoms of withdrawal may emerge within 6 to 24 hours after her last drink, p. 52.

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