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The 6-Second Medical Exam

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B back issue
C conjunctivitis
CT trachoma

E Eyes
F face
Ft foot
G goiter

H heart
K hernia
L lameness
N neck

P physical and lungs
Sc scalp
S senility

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