

Just a **BELLY ACHE** ...or something worse?

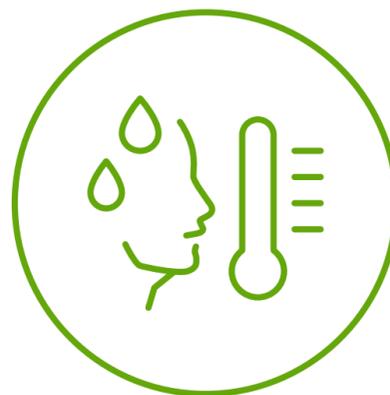
Sometimes, abdominal pain is your body's temporary reaction to something you ate. Other times, it can be a sign of something much more serious.



HERE ARE SOME KEY THINGS TO CONSIDER:



The most typical cause is constipation, which can be relieved with stool softener.



If the pain is accompanied by a fever, see your doctor right away.



If the pain is coming and going but isn't severe, see your doctor.



If the pain is severe or persisting and quickly escalating, immediately go to the emergency department.



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