Medical Dictionary

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**antalgic**

*adjective*  |  an-tal-gic  |  
\an-ˈtal-jik\ 

**Medical Definition of ANTALGIC**

1  :  marked by or being an unnatural position or movement assumed by someone to minimize or alleviate pain or discomfort (as in the leg or back)

- Without even thinking about it, we adjust the way we walk to avoid putting too much pressure on a creaky joint because otherwise it hurts. Experts call this the antalgic ... or pain avoidance, gait.—*Harvard Health Letter*, February 2009
- The patient came into my office with the classic antalgic stoop. She was bent over almost 90 degrees ... —Douglas R. Briggs, *Dynamic Chiropractic*, 29 Jan. 2008
- an antalgic spine

2  :  relieving pain : **ANALGESIC**

- It is necessary to reduce catecholamine increase due to pain caused by the burn agents, by administering adequate antalgic therapy.—B. Mazzarella et al., in *The Management of Mass Burn Casualties and Fire Disasters*, 1992
- an antalgic effect