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[transitive, intransitive] to take hold of something suddenly, because you are afraid or in pain clutch something He gasped and clutched his stomach. clutch at somebody/something (figurative) Fear clutched at her...

seize implies a sudden and forcible movement in getting hold of something tangible or an apprehending of something fleeting or elusive when intangible.

grasp stresses a laying hold so as to have firmly in possession.

clutch suggests avidity or anxiety in seizing or grasping and may imply less success in holding.

grab implies more roughness or rudeness than snatch.

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