## Upper GI Bleeding

**For vomiting blood or coffee ground emesis, and for melena (i.e., black, tarry stools)**

### History
- Alcohol use
- Varices
- Medications (e.g., ibuprofen, ASA, steroids)
- Stress
- GERD
- Ulcers
- Vomiting
- Liver disease

### Signs and Symptoms
- Coffee ground emesis
- Hematemesis
- Tachycardia
- Hypotension
- Black, tarry stool

### Differential
- Varices
- Gastritis
- Bleeding ulcer
- Epistaxis
- Hemoptysis
- Mallory Weiss tear
- Pepto Bismol use

### Pearls
- Hemoptysis and epistaxis can appear to be an upper GI bleed. Perform a thorough history and assessment.
- Limit time on scene and transport quickly.

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<td>Consider, 12-Lead ECG</td>
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<td>Establish two large bore IVs if hemodynamically unstable</td>
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<td>If systolic BP &lt; 90</td>
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<td>Normal Saline bolus 500ml IV/IO</td>
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**Notify receiving facility. Consider Base Hospital for medical direction**