## Lower GI Bleeding

For bleeding from the rectum and/or bright red bloody stools

### History
- Age
- Past medical history
- Food history
- Medications
- Number of episodes
- Weight loss

### Signs and Symptoms
- Hematochezia (bright red blood per rectum)
- Hematemesis
- Syncope

### Differential
- Cancer
- Vascular malformation
- Infectious diarrhea
- Fissure
- Hemorrhoids
- Food allergy
- Intussusception
- Meckel’s diverticulum
- Sexual abuse

### Treatment

#### E (Emergency)
- Oxygen for sat < 92%

#### P (Pretreatment)
- Consider, IV
  - If age-dependent hypotensive
    - Normal Saline bolus IV/IO
    - May repeat x2
  - Consider, Ondansetron
  - For pain
    - consider, Fentanyl

#### Notify receiving facility. Consider Base Hospital for medical direction

### Pearl
- For massive blood loss establish an IV and administer fluids.