

# Pediatric 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

<b>E</b>	Supplemental oxygen to maintain SpO <sub>2</sub> ≥ 92%
	<i>Consider, cardiac monitor</i>
<b>P</b>	<i>Consider, IV</i>
	If age-dependent hypotensive <b>Normal Saline bolus IV/IO</b> <b>May repeat x2</b>
	<i>Consider, Ondansetron</i>
	For pain <i>consider, Fentanyl</i>
	<b>Notify receiving facility.</b> <b>Consider Base Hospital for medical direction</b>

**Pearl**

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