

GASTROINTESTINAL BLEEDING

ALWAYS USE BODY SUBSTANCE ISOLATION PRECAUTIONS

INDICATION

- History of dark, tarry stools, frank bleeding, or vomiting blood, with or without abdominal pain

CRITICAL INFORMATION

- History of previous episodes of gastrointestinal bleeding
- Use of anticoagulant drugs
- History of syncope or falls

TREATMENT

- ALS RMC
- If hypotensive, fluid challenge, 250-500 ml recheck vital signs q 250 ml
- If in shock, start second large bore IV ; fluid challenge 500-1000 ml, recheck vital signs q 250 ml
- Shock position if tolerated, keep patient warm

DOCUMENTATION- ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS

- Estimated blood loss

RELATED POLICIES/ PROCEDURES

- Non-Traumatic Shock M 1