

GI Bleed - Lower

Definition

Lower gastrointestinal bleeding (LGIB) is defined as bleeding derived from a source distal to the ligament of Treitz (i.e. small or large bowel).

Disposition

Patient who cannot be managed as outpatients should be admitted to the GI service.

Caveats

Ischiorectal abscesses and bleeding or hemorrhoidal bleeding is admitted to General Surgery unless it is related to liver failure in which case it should be admitted to GI.