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**TREATMENT PROTOCOL**

**BLOOD IN EMESIS (VOMIT), SPUTUM (LUNG SECRETION),  
STOOL OR URINE**

1. Symptoms/Presentation:

- Bright red blood in Emesis, Sputum, Stool or Urine

2. Wear disposable gloves while treating inmate.

3. **INSTRUCT INMATE THAT HEALTH TRAINED OFFICER OR FACILITY NURSE  
MUST SEE EVIDENCE OF BLEEDING.**

4. Emesis (vomit):

- Check throat and nose for irritation.
  - Has there been a recent nose bleed?
  - If blood is from throat or nose irritation and is a small amount; then
  - Contact Facility Nurse for instructions.
  - Treat for nausea and vomiting
- If emesis contains large amounts of bright red fresh blood.
  - Have inmate lie down.
  - Check pulse and respiration.
  - Contact Facility Nurse, Facility Provider or Emergency Room Physician for instructions.

5. Sputum (lung secretion):

- Check to see if the blood is only in the saliva:
  - If it is, check for bleeding in mouth.
  - If not, continue:
- Obtain medical history:
  - Has inmate ever spat up blood like this before?
  - If yes, does inmate know what caused it?
  - Has inmate had a recent tuberculosis test?

- Isolate until further assessment by medical in the Medical Unit, or Cells 302 or 303.
- If TB is suspected, staff must wear protective particulate masks in the presence of the inmate. If the inmate comes out of the cell he/she must wear a mask.
- Contact Facility Nurse, Facility Provider or Emergency Room Physician, pass on information and request further instructions.

6. Stool:

- Obtain medical history:
  - Does he/she have hemorrhoids?
  - Has inmate ever had rectal bleeding before?
  - If yes, what caused bleeding?
- Contact Facility Nurse, Facility Provider or Emergency Room Physician after hours, pass on information and request further instructions.

7. Urine:

- Obtain medical history:
  - Has inmate ever had blood in his/her urine before?
  - If yes, what caused bleeding?
  - Contact Facility Nurse, Facility Provider or Emergency Room Physician after hours, pass on information and request further instructions.