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**STANDING ORDER**

**BLOOD IN EMESIS, STOOL OR SPUTUM  
OR BLACK STOOLS OR COFFEE-GROUND EMESIS**

**I. ASSESSMENT**

- A. Obtain medical history for gastrointestinal problems, respiratory disease, ulcers, hemorrhoids and recent injuries or surgeries.
- B. Take vital signs, including temperature.
- C. Observe stool, emesis, or sputum and document findings
- D. Obtain emesis, sputum or stool for occult blood or culture, if ordered by the Facility Provider.

**II. MANAGEMENT**

- A. Notify Facility Provider if assessment of specimen shows evidence of blood (this includes black stools and coffee-ground emesis)
- B. If inmate is having bright-red OR coffee-ground emesis have patient transported to Emergency Room for evaluation immediately.
- C. If inmate is having black or bloody stools, schedule patient to see Facility Provider at next clinic day.