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# **Diverticular Bleeding**



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# What is diverticulosis?

Many people have small pouches in their colon (large intestine) that bulge outward creating what is called a diverticulum. This condition is also known as "diverticulosis."



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# Does "diverticulitis" cause lower gastrointestinal bleeding?

This condition known as "diverticulosis" causes bleeding. Not when these pouches become infected or inflamed. It is called "diverticulitis."



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# How common is diverticular bleeding?

It is the most common cause of lower gastrointestinal bleeding.

How is diverticular bleeding managed?

- You may receive blood products and fluids.
- Your colon may be cleaned out of all stool and blood with a colonoscopy prep.
- Your doctor may consider ordering a CT angiography or an embolization to stop the bleeding.
- You may go on a clear diet, placed on bed rest, and be under "observation."



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