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melena /me-le-na/ (mě-le´nah) the passage of dark stools stained with altered blood.

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me·le·na (mə-lē´nə)

n.

The passage of black tarlike stools containing blood that has been acted on by the intestinal juices.

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melena

[məlē´nə, məl´əna]

Etymology: Gk, *melas*, black

abnormal black tarry stool that has a distinctive odor and contains digested blood. It usually results from bleeding in the upper GI tract and is often a sign of peptic ulcer or small bowel disease. See also **gastrointestinal bleeding**.

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melena [mě-le´nah]

darkening of the feces by blood pigments.

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melena (mə-lē´nə),

n dark stools with a tarlike consistency and a distinct odor comprised of digested blood; results from bleeding in the upper gastrointestinal tract; usually a sign of peptic ulcer or small bowel disease.

Jonas: Mosby's Dictionary of Complementary and Alternative Medicine. (c) 2005, Elsevier.

melena (melē´nə),

n the passage of dark or black stools; the color is produced by altered blood and blood pigments.

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melena, melaena

darkening of the feces by blood pigments. Typically the feces have a black color with a red tinge at the edges and are soft and almost slimy.

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Stool or vomit blackened by heme pigments

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