**melena** /mē-leˈna/ (mē-leˈnah) the passage of dark stools stained with altered blood.

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**me·le·na** (mĕ-le´nah)

*_n._

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

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**melena**

[melēˈna, məˈlænə]

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.


**melena** [mē-leˈnah]
darkening of the feces by blood pigments.

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**melena** (məˈlē·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.


**melena** (melēˈnə),

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

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**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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**melena**

Stool or vomit blackened by heme pigments