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scared..... via MedKB.com wrote:

- > Good day again O'Hush,
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- > Once again I would like to thank you for the information that you have
- > provided to me.....you are a very well educated person! All the information
- > will help me present something a little more concrete rather than "my tummy
- > hurts" to the doctor (you know how some dr's tend to overlook things!)
- >
- > I think that the reason for the blackened stools must have been something I
- > have eaten (although I cannot think of what it could have been) as they are
- > seeming to lighten in colour but still have a tar-like consistency.

You didn't say "tarry" before — you just said black. There are lots of harmless substances that cause black stools (Pepto Bismol and spinach, for example), but black and tarry means blood in the stool. It's possible that your idea of "tarry" is different from a doc's, so this could all be a false alarm, but to be on the safe side you need to see a doctor as soon as possible. Don't wait for an appointment with a GI doc. If you start to feel weak, you should have somebody drive you to the ER. You could have a bleeding stomach ulcer, which can be pretty dangerous. Call your doc's office in the morning and ask for instructions. If you don't have a doc, I'd do the walk-in clinic thing.

- > What
- > kind of testing do you think that they will do on me other than the standard
- > blood work?

I don't know. It depends on what the doc thinks is wrong. Probably a stool sample if you say the words "black and tarry." Maybe EGD (see the link), but I'm truly talking out of my ass right now. I really have no idea. It may depend on whether they find any blood in your stool.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Esophagogastroduodenoscopy>

I'm a student nurse. A few weeks ago my patient had an EGD and I got

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to observe. It's not too bad, and you won't remember it anyway because you'll be sedated.

- > What can I expect when I visit my doctor? Any information you can
- > provide me with may help settle my nerves with this as I only have a very
- > vague idea of a couple of tests that may be involved.

I wish I knew more. I think I've already pretty much unloaded every piece of gastro information that was in my brain. Don't worry about it though.

- > Oh and the 6 months pregnancy.....6 months ago was the last time sexual
- > intercourse has taken place

I sorta guessed.. :)

- >.....I kind of figured that I would definitely
- > know if I had been carrying for 6 months but you always hear those weird
- > stories of women who didnt know they were carrying until they went into
- > labour! :0

I think most of those women have very irregular periods, or are perimenopausal, or *something* unusual. Sometimes there's some spotting in early pregnancy, but if you have a normal period, you can pretty much rest assured you're not pregnant.

So anyway: Until you've seen a doc and he says you can, don't take any aspirin, ibuprofen, or aleve. Don't drink any alcohol. (I hope I'm not forgetting anything.) Call your doc tomorrow morning.

—Patti

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