

## **Checklist for Bloody Stools**

The student asks the following questions:

- How long and how frequently do you have bloody stools?
- Do you experience constipation or diarrhea?
- Do you have pain associated with stools, itching, or burning?
- Do you have a history of bleeding disorders, liver disease, congestive heart failure, or abdominal tumors?
- Have you had anorectal surgery?
- Have you had weight loss recently? (How much during how long?)
- Have you had a previous flexible sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy?
- (If a female) Are you now or have you ever been pregnant?
- Do you have a family history of hemorrhoids, polyps, or rectal cancer?
- Do you have anal-receptive intercourse?