

GI Bleed - Upper

Definition

Upper gastrointestinal bleeding (UGIB) is defined as bleeding derived from a source proximal to the ligament of Treitz (i.e. esophagus, stomach, duodenum).

Disposition

Need for admission is often determined after endoscopy. Patient who cannot be managed as outpatients should be admitted to the GI service.

Caveats

Those with significant ongoing multisystem problems in addition to GI bleed should be admitted to GIM.