

Healthy Red Flags Frequency 1-3 bowel movements per day Fewer than 1 bowel movement per day **Transit Time** Bowels are easily moved Pain, strain, explosive gas, or cramping Stools large in diameter (colon's diameter Size/Shape Skinny stools is about 2-3 in) Chunky or lumpy stools (often a sign of **Texture** Stools that hold together dehydration or incomplete elimination) Smooth on the outside; shaped similar to Rabbit pellets or diarrhea a colon Green, clay-colored, red, black...anything but Color* Brown brown Sinking or floating stools (can indicate improper **Composition** Bobbing stools digestion of certain nutrients) Overpowering stench (indicator of incomplete Very little odor Odor or poor digestion) *There are many reasons for stool color change, and this is not an exhaustive list. Seek prompt medical care if you have unusual stools consistent over time or any unusual change in the color or texture of your stool.