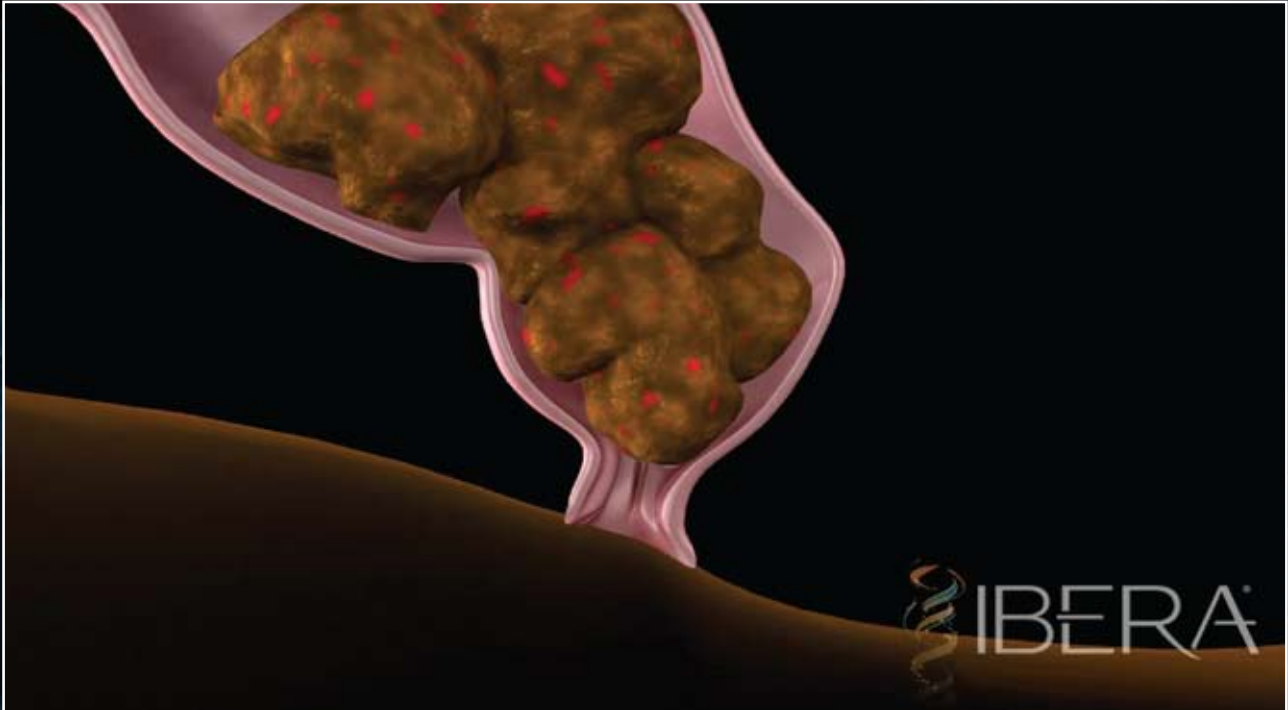


Rectal Bleeding



- Many medical conditions can cause bleeding from your anus, such as haemorrhoids inside the rectum. Also, straining or irritation during a bowel movement can injure the surface of the haemorrhoid, causing it to bleed.
- Bleeding from your anus can also occur because of constipation: when stools are hard and dry they can tear the lining of the rectum or anus, causing bleeding. Infections or other conditions that affect your digestive tract can also cause bleeding.
- It is important to see your doctor or health worker if you have any bleeding from your anus or if you notice your stools becoming very dark or black as this may be a sign of bleeding in the stomach from ulcers.

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