

# Fecal Scoring System



Score 1 – Very hard and dry; requires much effort to expel from body; no residue left on ground when picked up. Often expelled as individual pellets.



Score 2 – Firm, but not hard; should be pliable; segmented appearance; little or no residue left on ground when picked up.



Score 3 – Log-like; little or no segmentation visible; moist surface; leaves residue, but holds form when picked up.



Score 4 – Very moist (soggy); distinct log shape visible; leaves residue and loses form when picked up.



Score 5 – Very moist but has distinct shape; present in piles rather than as distinct logs; leaves residue and loses form when picked up.



Score 6 – Has texture, but no defined shape; occurs as piles or as spots; leaves residue when picked up.



Score 7 – Watery, no texture, flat; occurs as puddles.



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Characteristics	Small Bowel Diarrhea	Large Bowel Diarrhea
Defecation frequency	Normal	Increased
Fecal Volume	Large	Small
Fecal Quality	Very watery to semifformed (typical score 6, 7)	Semi-formed, gelatinous (typical score 4, 5)
Frequent urges to defecate	No	Usually
Tenesmus (straining)	No	Usually
Blood in feces	Dark, old blood, tarry	Bright red, fresh looking
Mucus in feces	Rarely	Frequently
Fatty stool	Sometimes	No



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