

Lower GI bleeds

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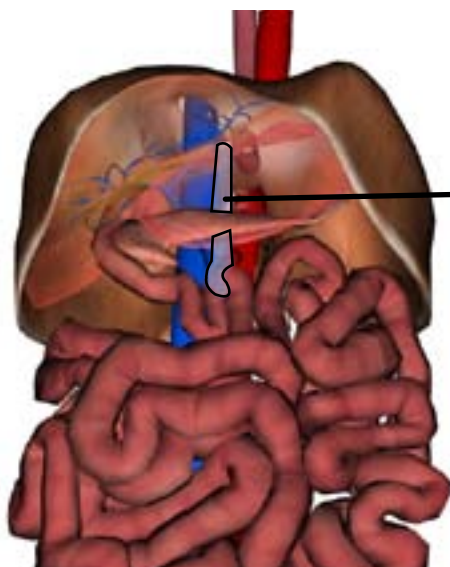
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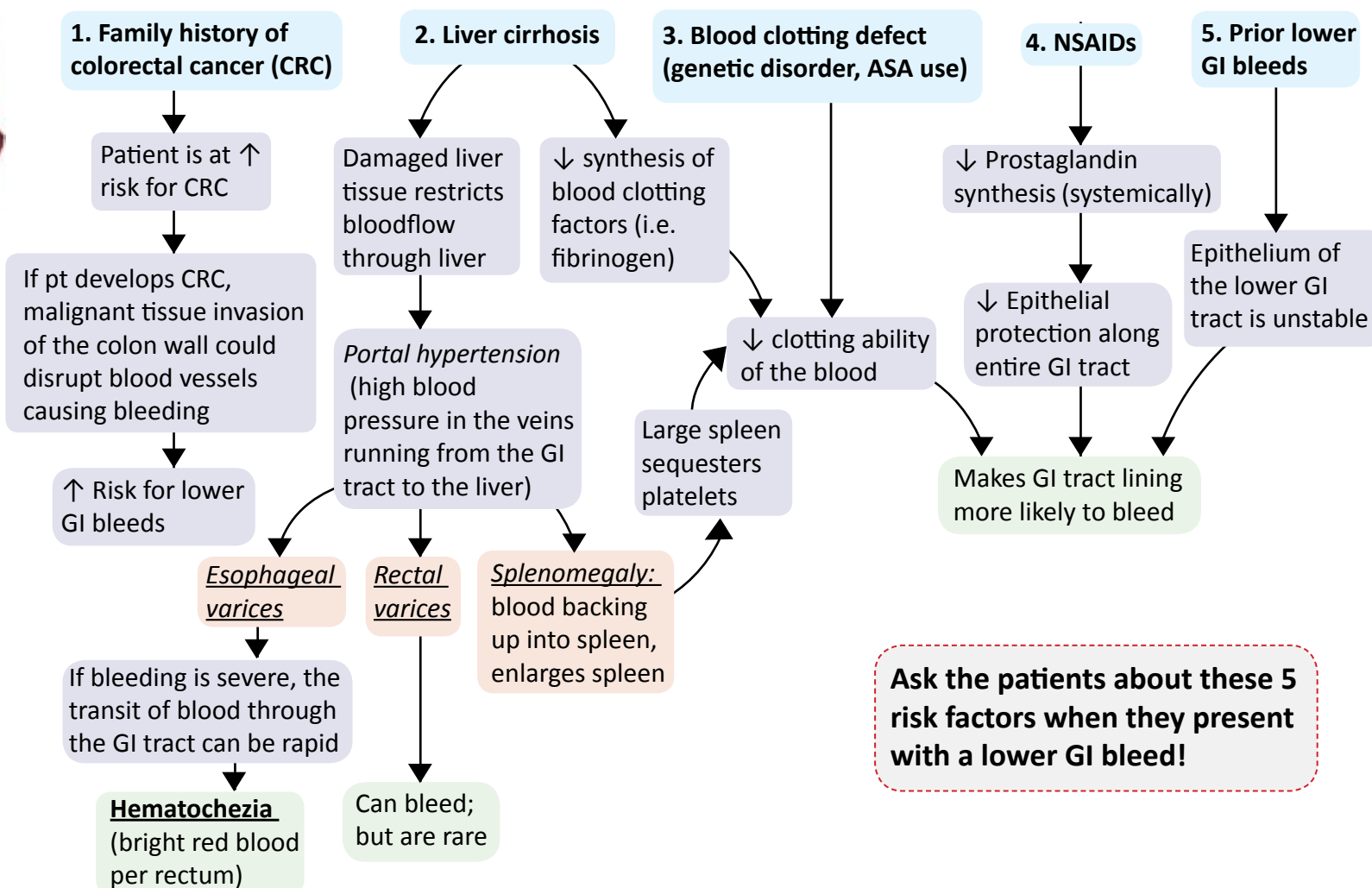
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Ligament
of Treitz

Lower GI Bleeds are intra-luminal GI tract bleeds
that occur anywhere distal to the ligament of Treitz
(transition between duodenum and jejunum)

How do the 5 “Risk factors for lower GI bleeds” actually cause Lower GI Bleeding?



Ask the patients about these 5 risk factors when they present with a lower GI bleed!

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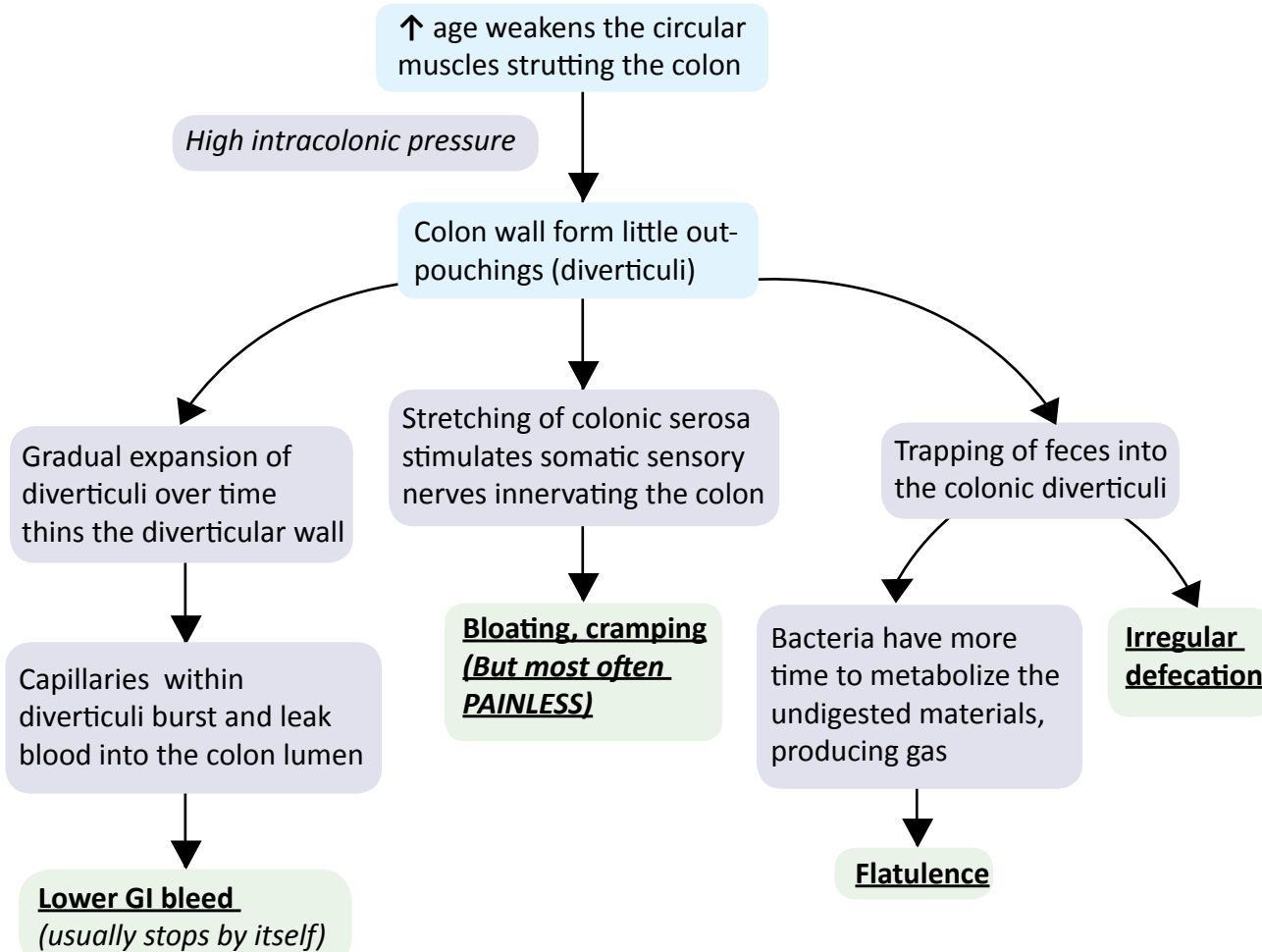
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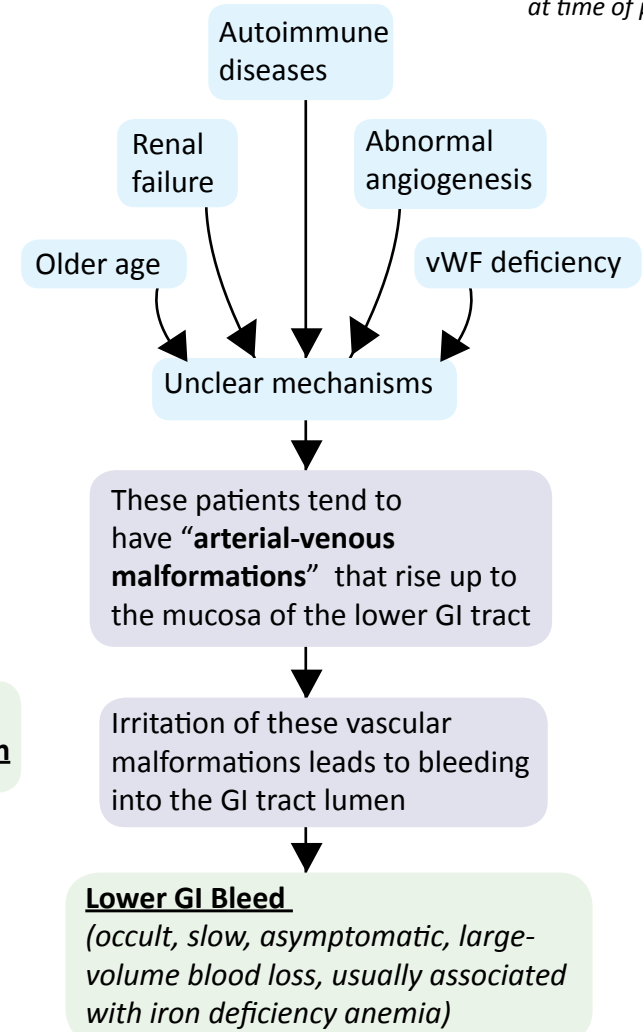
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Diverticulosis



Angiodysplasia



Both conditions share similar features:

- Both are common, and their prevalence increases with age.
- Are relatively benign and most are easy to treat (80% stop w/o intervention)
- Both present without pain in a *previously-well patient*
- Together, account for 50-80% of lower GI bleeds (diverticulosis > angiodysplasia)