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| **Differentiation of Small-Intestinal from Large-Intestinal Diarrhea** | | |
| **Clinical Sign** | **Small Intestine** | **Large Intestine** |
| Frequency of defecation | Normal or slightly increased | Very frequent |
| Fecal volume | Normal to increased | Decreased |
| Urgency | Absent | Usually present |
| Tenesmus | Absent | Usually present |
| Mucus in feces | Usually absent | Frequent |
| Blood in feces | Dark black (melena) | Red (fresh),a |
| Weight loss | May be present | Rare |