The Forrest Classification for vascular bleeding

- To classify peptic ulcer bleeding and indicate the risk of re-bleeding after hospital admission
- This is the most commonly used system to categorize the endoscopic stigmata of intestinal bleeding and to assess the re-bleeding rate and other prognostic indices

Forrest Class	Type of lesion	Risk of re-bleeding if untreated (%)
IA	Arterial spurting bleeding	100
IB	Arterial oozing bleeding	55 (17 – 100)
IIA	Visible vessel	43 (8 – 81)
IIB	Sentinel clot	22 (14 – 36)
IIC	Hematin covered flat spot	10 (0 – 13)
III	No stigmata of hemorrhage	5 (0 – 10)

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