After Blood and Sperm, Here Comes Stool Donation

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Blood donation is common, but have you heard of stool donation? Well, the chances are less as it is not a very common phenomenon. Researchers at the University of Alabama recently arranged an event, named Digestive Disease Week, wherein they presented on stool donation. They discussed a procedure called Fecal Microbiota Transplant (FMT). The procedure deals with the transplantation of the microbiota from the fecal matter of a healthy donor's stool into another recipient's body. This is mainly used for treating intestinal infections like irritable bowel syndrome and ulcers. The presentation included a 32-questioned survey that reflected the people wanted to donate their stool on humanitarian grounds. FMT is especially useful in curing diseases caused by *Clostridium difficile*, which has already caused about 29,000 deaths per year in US. Therefore, the concept of FMT, if accepted globally, can pave the way for curing several intestinal infections.

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