

*Table 16-7*  
**Volumes Absorbed by the Small  
 and Large Intestine per Day**

Volume entering the small intestine per day			
Sources	{	Ingested	{
			Food Eaten
			Fluid drunk
			1,250 g*
			1,250 ml
			1,250 ml
	{	Secreted from the plasma	{
			Saliva
			Gastric juice
			Pancreatic juice
			1,500 ml
		Bile	
		500 ml	
		Intestinal juice	
		1,500 ml	
		<u>9,500 ml</u>	
Volume absorbed by the small intestine per day			9,000 ml
Volume entering the colon from the small intestine per day			500 ml
Volume absorbed by the colon per day			350 ml
Volume of feces eliminated from the colon per day			150 g*

\*One milliliter of H<sub>2</sub>O weighs 1 g. Therefore, because a high percentage of food and feces is H<sub>2</sub>O, we can roughly equate grams of food or feces with milliliters of fluid.