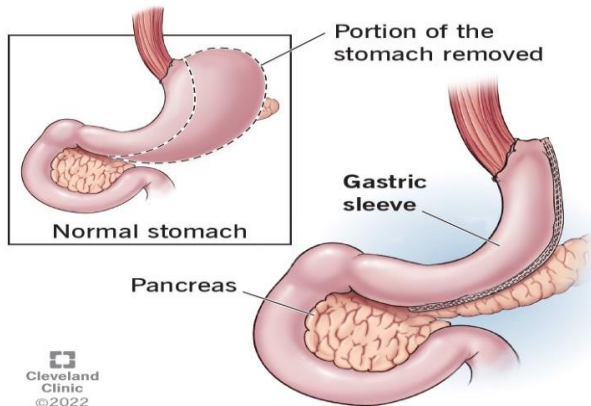


Gastric Sleeve Surgery



A sleeve gastrectomy divides your stomach

to create a narrow gastric sleeve.

What is gastric sleeve surgery?

The gastric sleeve, also called sleeve gastrectomy, is a [bariatric surgery](#) operation to induce weight loss. It works by reducing the size of your stomach. The word “gastrectomy” means removal of part or all of your [stomach](#). The gastric sleeve operation removes about 80% of your stomach, leaving behind a tubular “sleeve,” about the size and shape of a banana.

What does a gastric sleeve do?

Reducing the size of your stomach is a simple way to restrict the amount of food you can eat in one sitting, making you feel fuller faster. But it also serves another purpose: it reduces the amount of hunger hormones that your stomach can produce. This helps to decrease your appetite and cravings and may help to prevent the impulses that cause people to regain the weight they've lost.

How common is gastric sleeve surgery?

The gastric sleeve is the most commonly performed weight loss surgery in the U.S. and worldwide. More than half of bariatric surgeries performed in the U.S. each year are sleeve gastrectomies. The total number of gastric sleeve operations performed each year is about 100,000 in the U.S. and 380,000 worldwide. But, only 1% of people who could benefit and would qualify for the surgery actually get it.