

# Considering Bariatric Surgery?

Learn about minimally invasive  
*da Vinci*® Surgery



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# The Surgery:

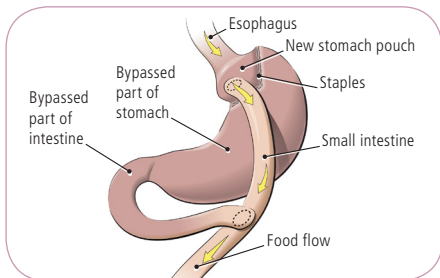
## Bariatric Surgery

There are many non-surgical treatments for obesity such as dieting, exercise, and medicine. Bariatric surgery may be suggested for patients with a high Body Mass Index (BMI) and other medical conditions related to obesity. The most common bariatric procedures are Roux-en-Y gastric bypass and gastric sleeve surgery; gastric banding is sometimes used.

### Gastric Bypass Surgery

Gastric bypass reduces your stomach size and reroutes your digestive tract. During surgery, your stomach is divided to create a new, smaller stomach. The new stomach is connected to the small intestine and bypasses the larger part of your original stomach. Your new stomach is now much smaller — as is the amount of food it can hold.

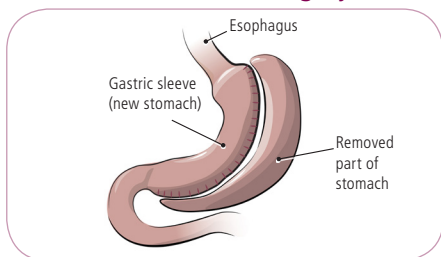
#### Gastric Bypass



## Gastric Sleeve Surgery

During gastric sleeve surgery, also known as sleeve gastrectomy, most of your stomach is removed. As with gastric bypass, the smaller, sleeve-shaped stomach that remains is sealed and holds only smaller amounts of food.

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## Gastric Band Surgery

Gastric band surgery reduces your stomach size using an adjustable band wrapped around the stomach. Some patients like the idea that lap banding is not permanent, but taking the band off does require a second surgery.

## Surgery Options:

Bariatric surgery can be done using open surgery (through a large incision) which allows doctors to touch your organs during surgery. Bariatric surgery is more commonly done using minimally invasive surgery.

Minimally invasive surgery (laparoscopy) is done through a few small incisions using long, thin instruments and a tiny camera. The camera takes images inside your body. The images are sent to a video monitor in the operating room which guides surgeons as they operate.

## ***da Vinci* Surgery:**

### **A Minimally Invasive Surgical Option**

State-of-the-art *da Vinci* Surgery is another minimally invasive option for people who are thinking about having bariatric surgery.

The *da Vinci* System features:

- Magnified 3D HD vision system
- Tiny instruments that bend and rotate far greater than the human hand
- Enhanced vision, precision, and control

Your doctor controls the *da Vinci* System, which translates his or her hand movements into smaller, precise movements of tiny instruments inside your body.

If you are planning to have bariatric surgery, ask your doctor about the potential benefits of *da Vinci* Bariatric Surgery.

**The *da Vinci* System has brought minimally invasive surgery to more than 3 million patients worldwide.**

#### **Risks & Considerations Related to Bariatric Surgery**

(includes gastric bypass (stomach reduction surgery), sleeve gastrectomy and duodenal switch): leaking and/or narrowing at the spot where two parts of the bowel were reconnected, leaking from where the bowel is cut, malnutrition, dumping syndrome (food moves too quickly into small intestine), dehydration, need for supplementation of vitamins, minerals and protein.

Contraindications to endoscopic surgery include morbid obesity.

### **Important Information for Patients:**

Serious complications may occur in any surgery, including *da Vinci*<sup>®</sup> Surgery, up to and including death. Risks include, but are not limited to, injury to tissues and organs and conversion to other surgical techniques. If your doctor needs to convert the surgery to another surgical technique, this could result in a longer operative time, additional time under anesthesia, additional or larger incisions and/or increased complications. Individual surgical results may vary. Patients who are not candidates for non-robotic minimally invasive surgery are also not candidates for *da Vinci* Surgery. Patients should talk to their doctor to decide if *da Vinci* Surgery is right for them. Patients and doctors should review all available information on non-surgical and surgical options in order to make an informed decision. Please also refer to [www.daVinciSurgery.com/Safety](http://www.daVinciSurgery.com/Safety) for Important Safety Information.

Your doctor is one of a growing number of surgeons worldwide offering *da Vinci*<sup>®</sup> Surgery.

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