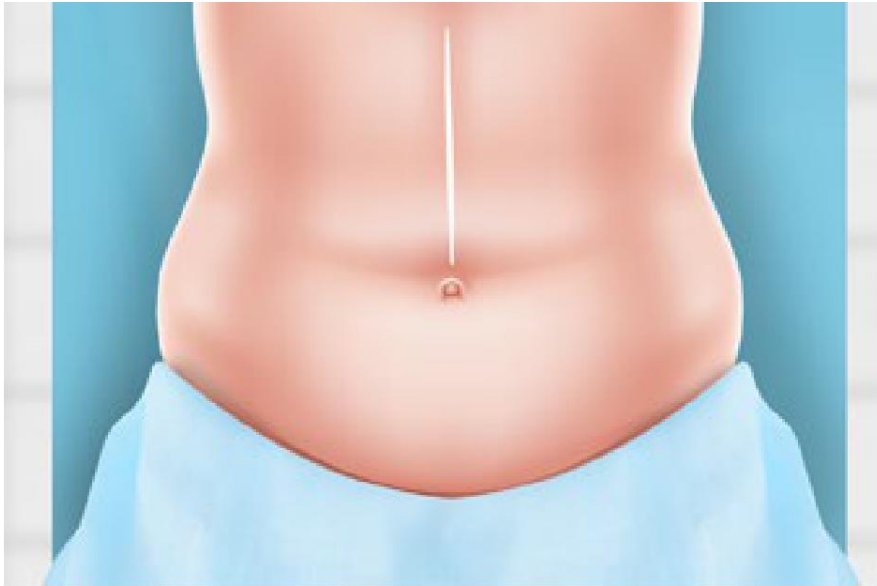




Adjustable Gastric Banding (Open Surgery Method)



Overview

This surgery limits how much your stomach can hold. That helps you eat less and lose weight when diet and exercise don't work. It can help you avoid serious health problems linked to obesity. Your band can be adjusted or even removed without any lasting changes to your stomach.

Preparation

To begin, you're put to sleep. The surgeon makes an incision to reach your stomach.

Placing the gastric band

The surgeon carefully wraps the gastric band around the upper part of your stomach. It's tightened to form a small pouch. This pouch will be able to hold only a small amount of food before you feel full.

Adjustment port

A tube from the band leads to a port secured just under your skin. Saline can be injected through this port to make your band tighter. It can be taken out to loosen the band. These adjustments control the speed that food moves through your stomach. Your band will be adjusted as needed during office visits.

End of Procedure

Finally, your incision is closed and bandaged. After the surgery, you're watched in a recovery room as you wake up. Follow your surgeon's instructions carefully for a safe recovery.

