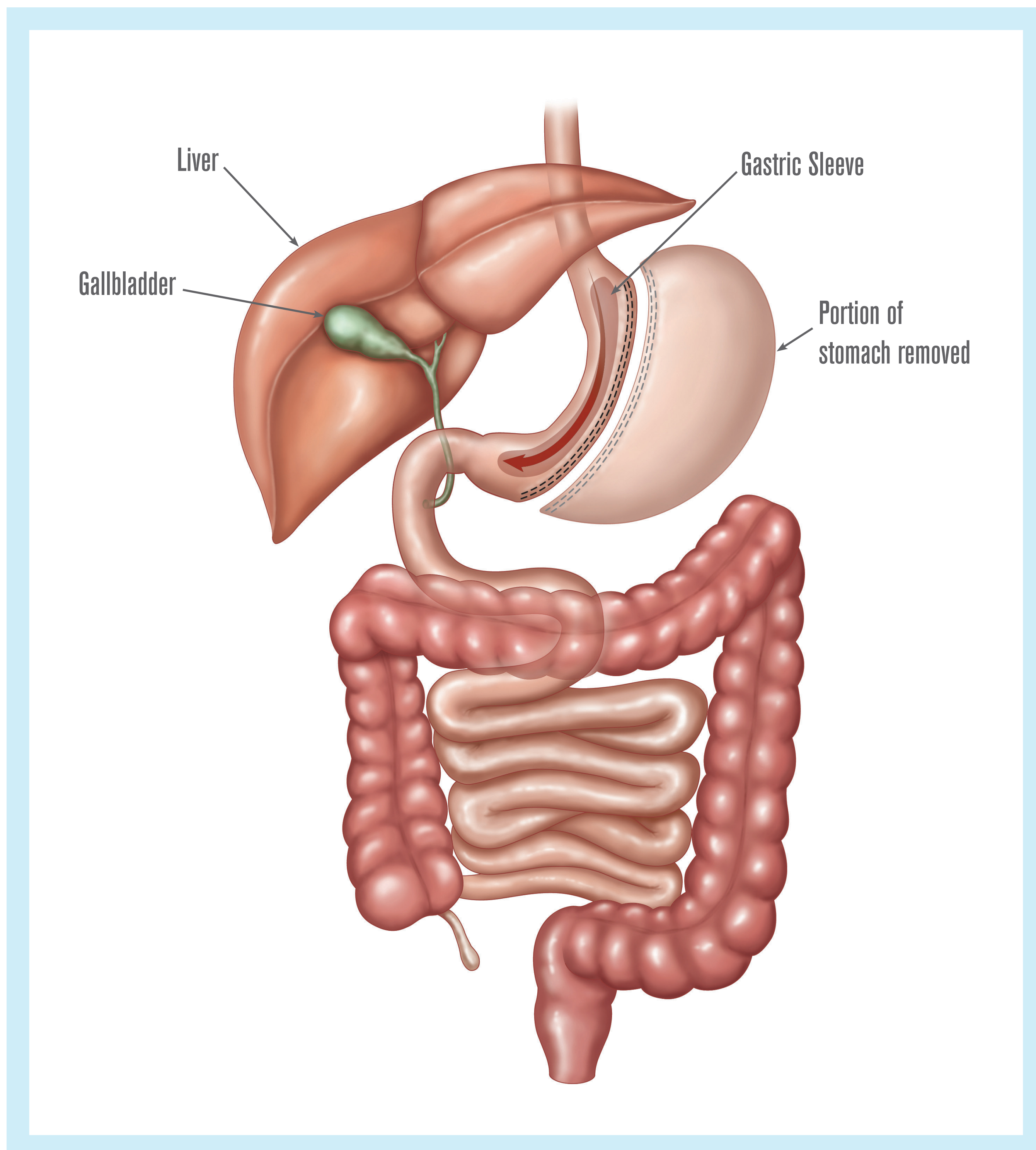


Sleeve Gastrectomy



Procedure Overview

A thin vertical “sleeve” of stomach is created using a stapling device. This sleeve is about the size of a banana. The excised, unused portion of the stomach is removed.

This procedure is for the treatment of patients suffering from severe obesity only. Patients should consult their physicians to determine if this procedure is appropriate for their condition. All surgery presents risk. Risks of bariatric surgery are generally low and similar to other commonly performed procedures like gallbladder surgery. Risks include adverse reactions to medications, problems with anesthesia, problems with breathing, bleeding, blood clots, inadvertent injury to nearby organs and blood vessels, nutritional deficiency, even death.