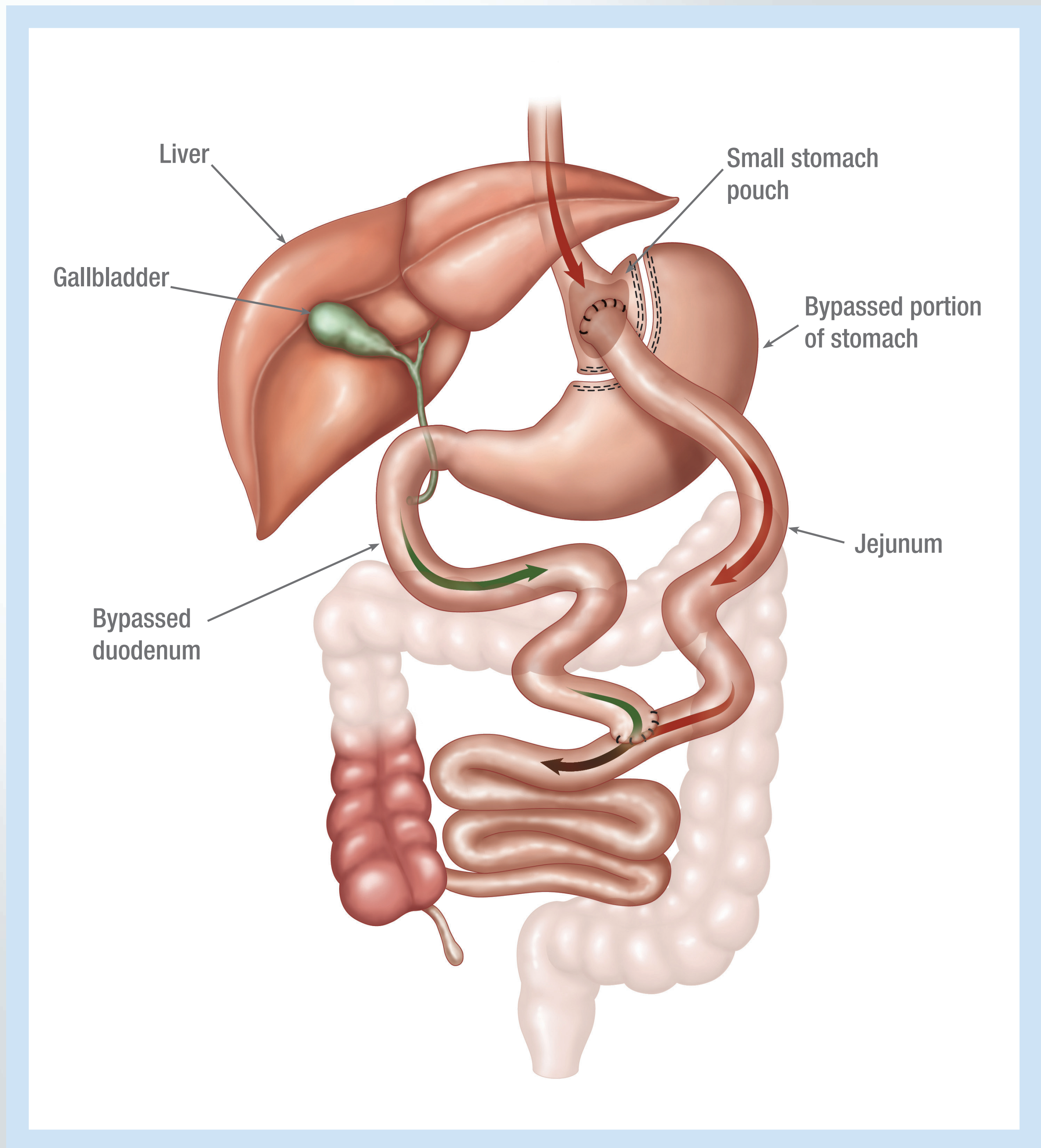


# Gastric Bypass



## Procedure Overview

The surgeon creates a small stomach pouch using staples, then attaches a section of the small intestine directly to the pouch. The remaining stomach area is stapled shut and divided from the smaller pouch, allowing food to bypass a portion of the small intestine where calories and nutrients are normally absorbed.

There are risks with any surgery, such as adverse reactions to medications, problems with anesthesia, problems breathing, bleeding, blood clots, inadvertent injury to nearby organs and blood vessels, even death. Bariatric surgery has its own risks, including failure to lose weight, nutritional or vitamin deficiencies, and weight regain. Patients should consult their physicians to determine if this procedure is appropriate for their condition.