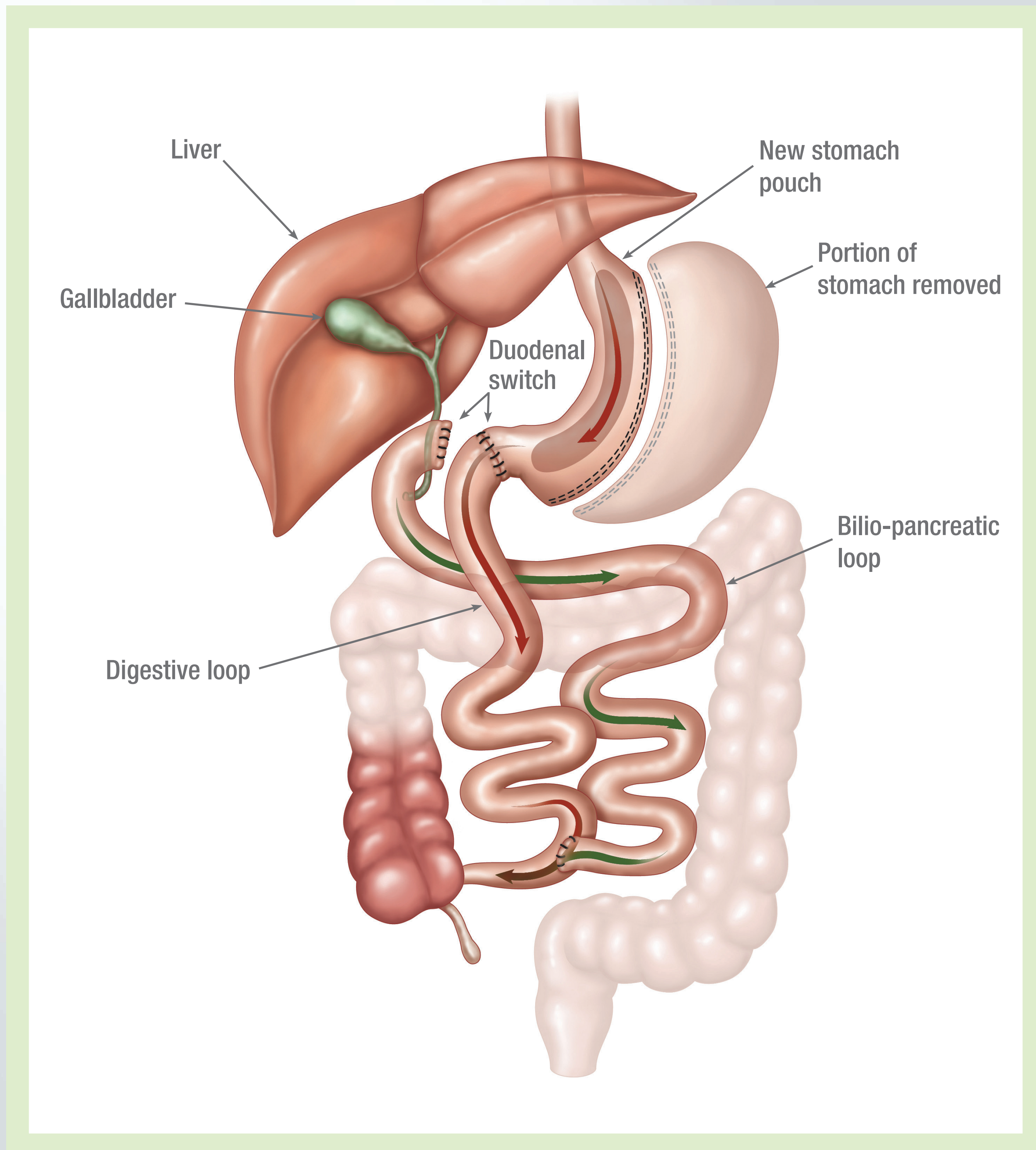


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Procedure Overview

The surgeon reduces the stomach using a stapling device, then attaches a section of the small intestine to the stomach. This allows food to bypass much of the small intestine, where calories and nutrients are normally absorbed. The excised, unused portion of the stomach is removed.

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.