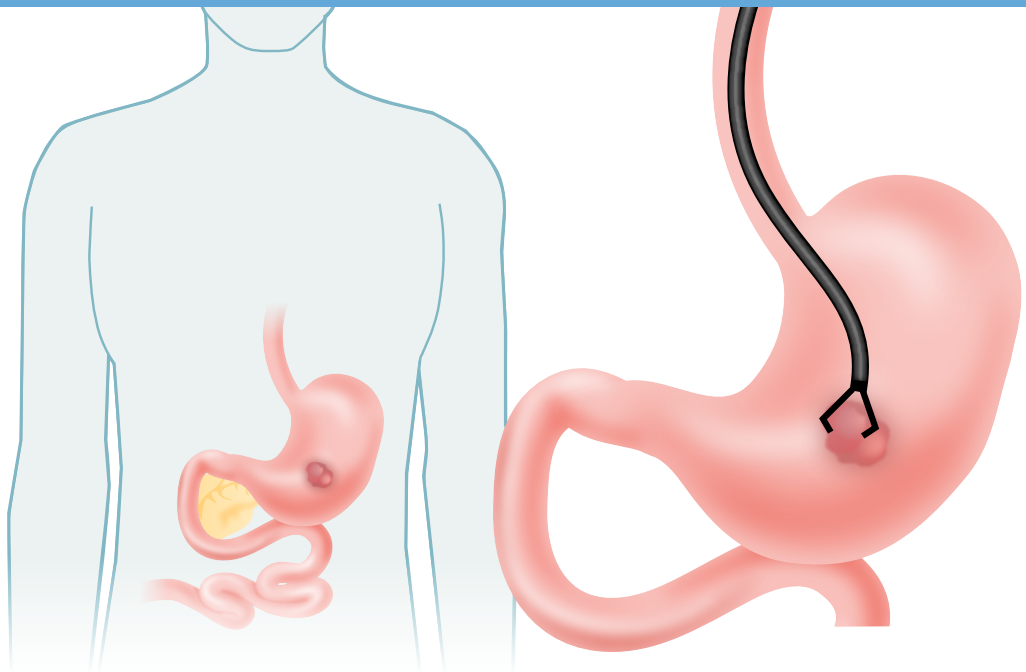


# Stomach Cancer

## Section 3 : Endoscopic Treatments



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# What is endoscopy?

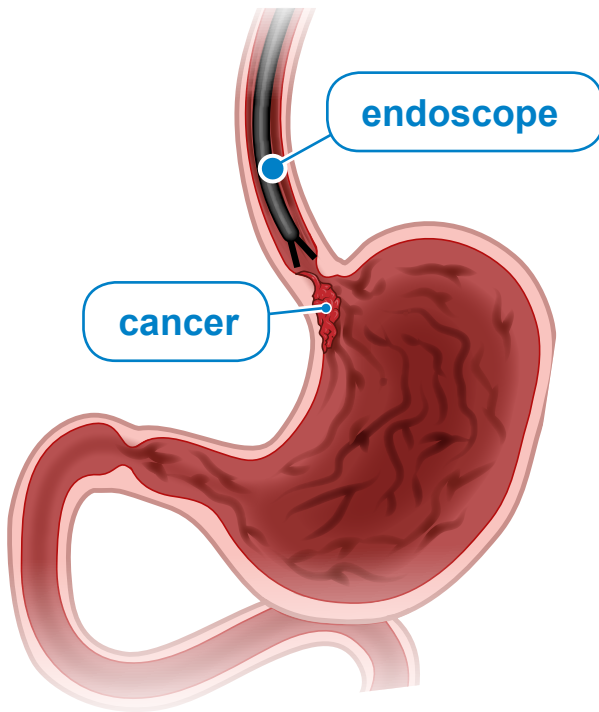
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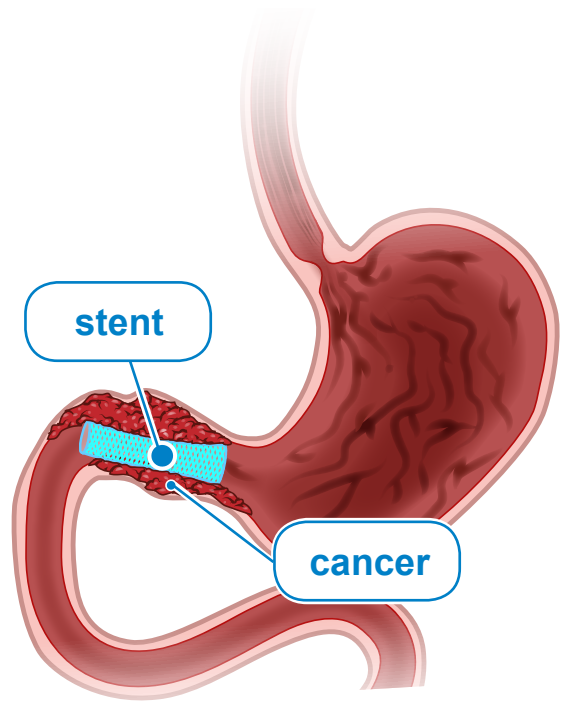
You may have endoscopy, surgery, chemotherapy, radiotherapy or a combination of these treatments.

# There are two main types of endoscopic treatments for stomach cancer:

## Endoscopic Resection

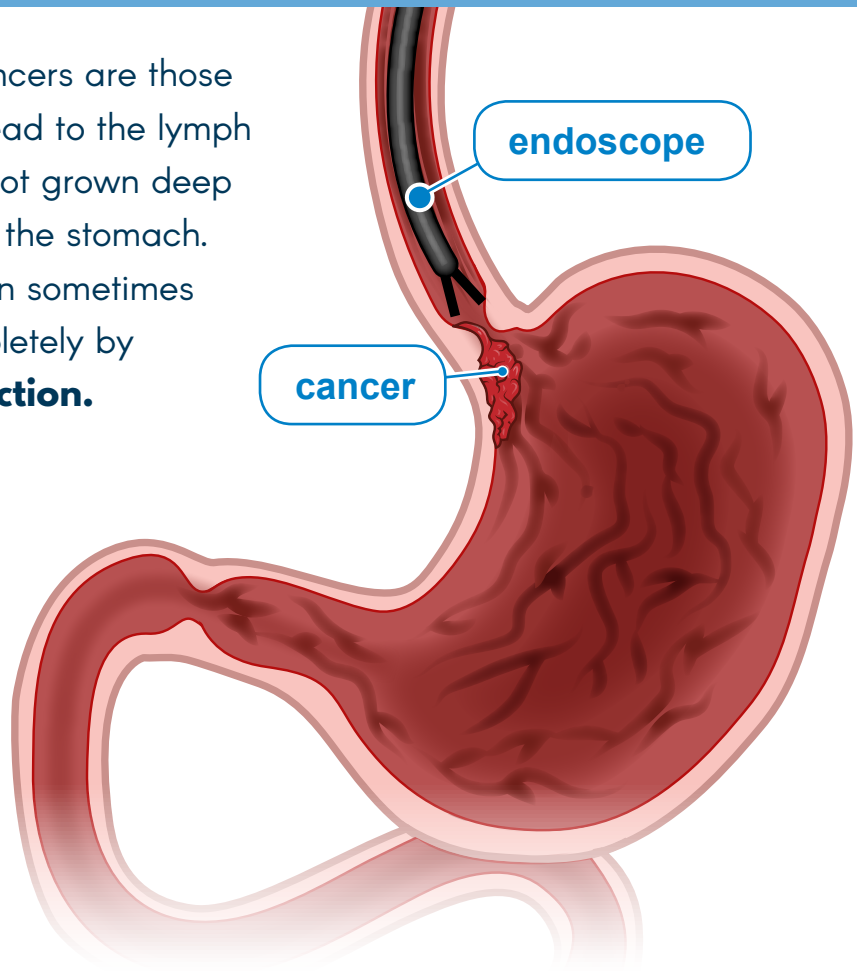


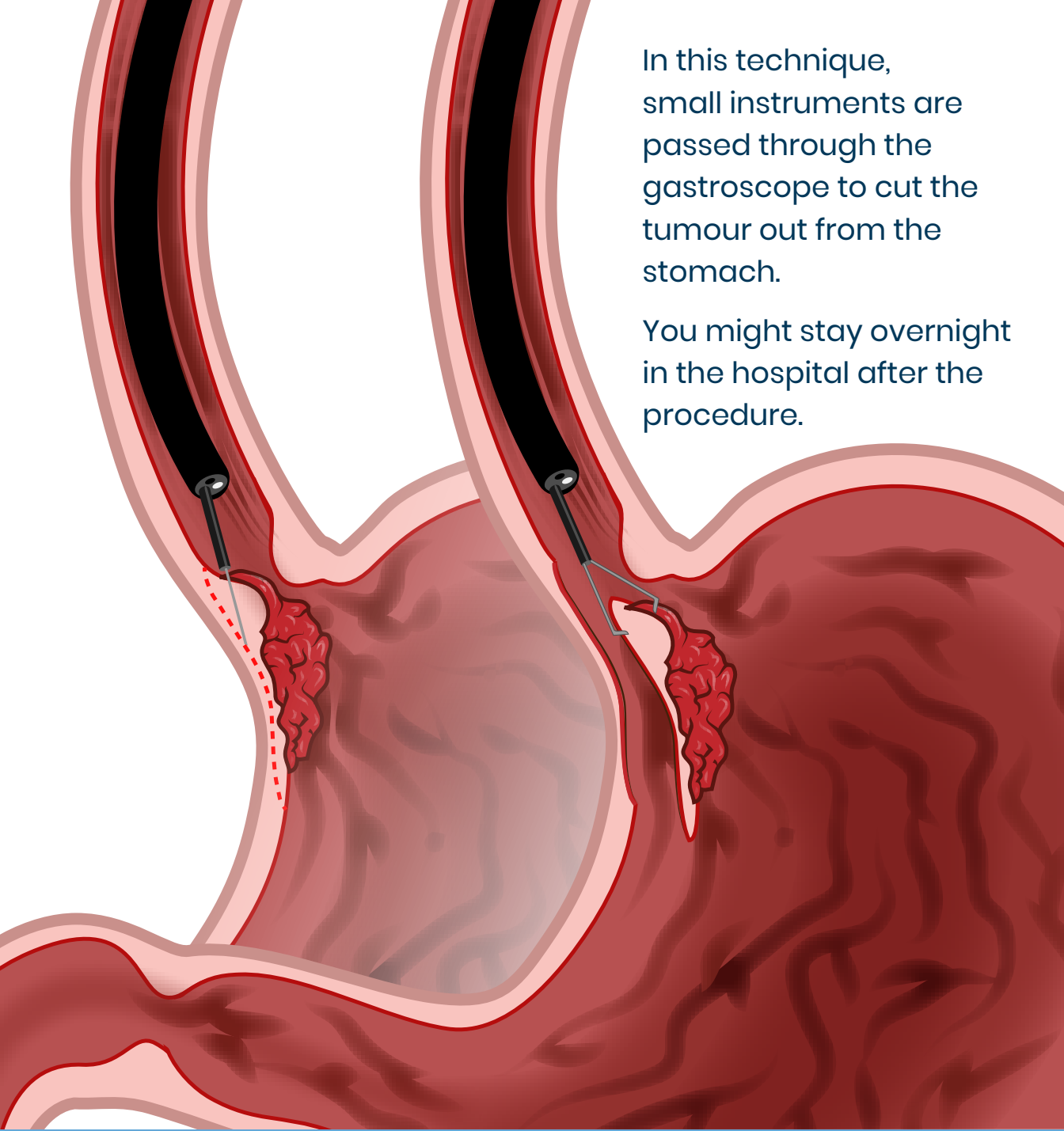
## Stent



# What is endoscopic resection?

Early stomach cancers are those that have not spread to the lymph nodes and have not grown deep into the muscle of the stomach. These cancers can sometimes be removed completely by **endoscopic resection**.



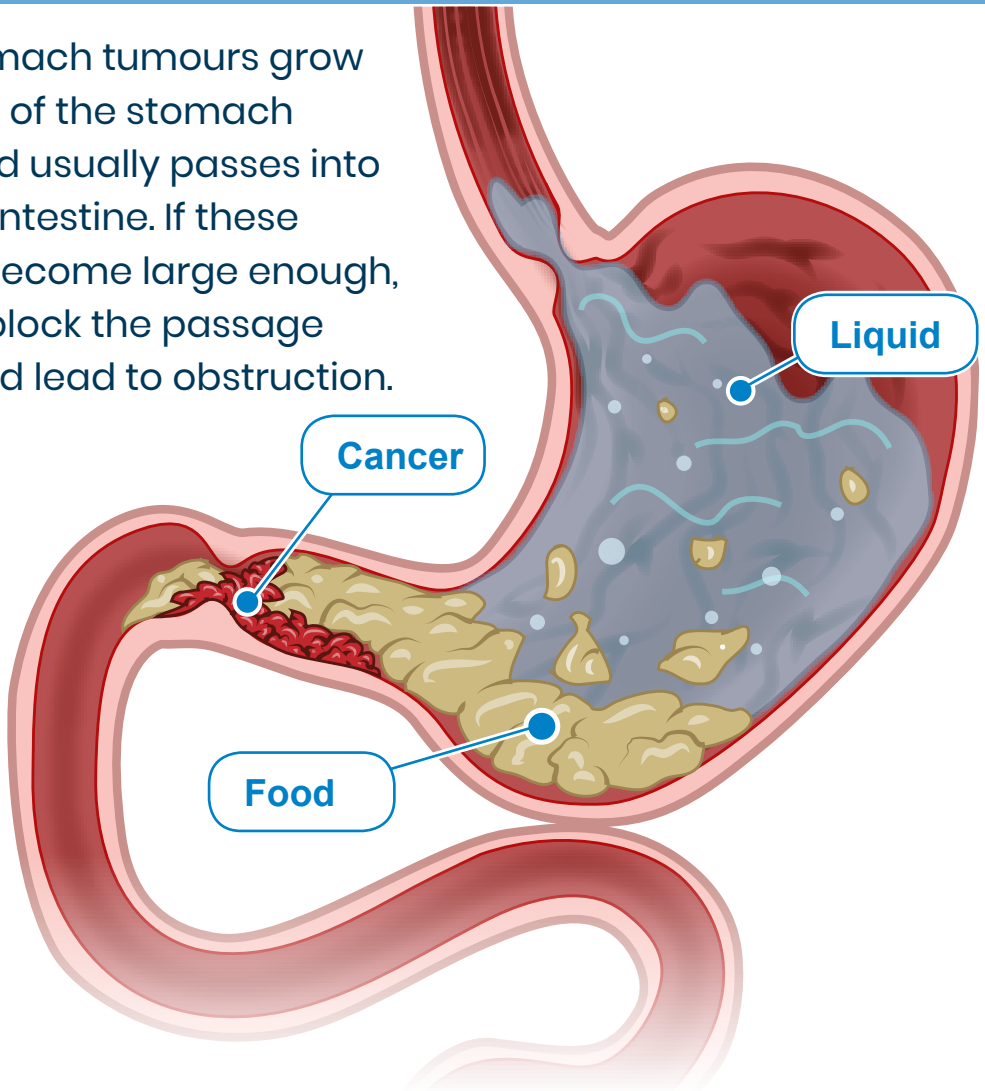


In this technique, small instruments are passed through the gastroscope to cut the tumour out from the stomach.

You might stay overnight in the hospital after the procedure.

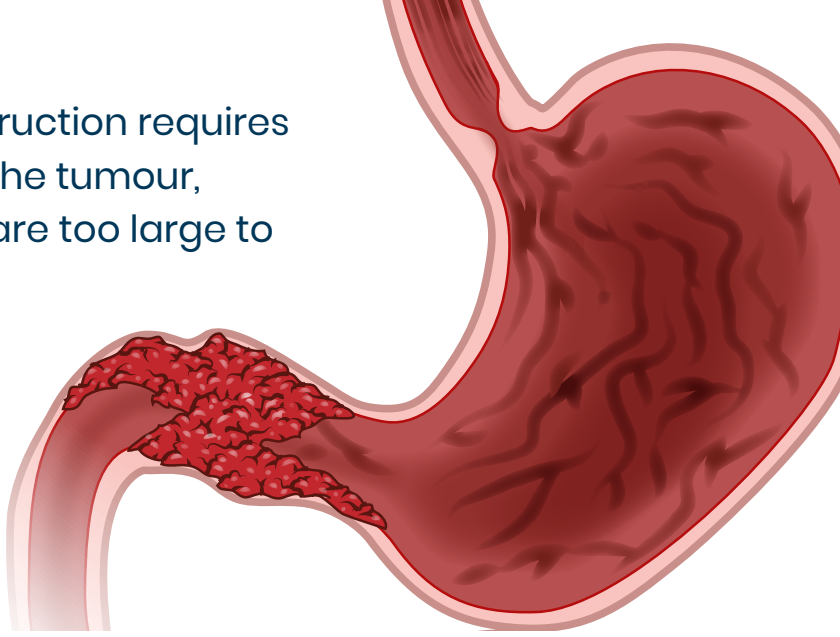
# What is a stent?

Some stomach tumours grow at the end of the stomach where food usually passes into the small intestine. If these tumours become large enough, they can block the passage of food and lead to obstruction.



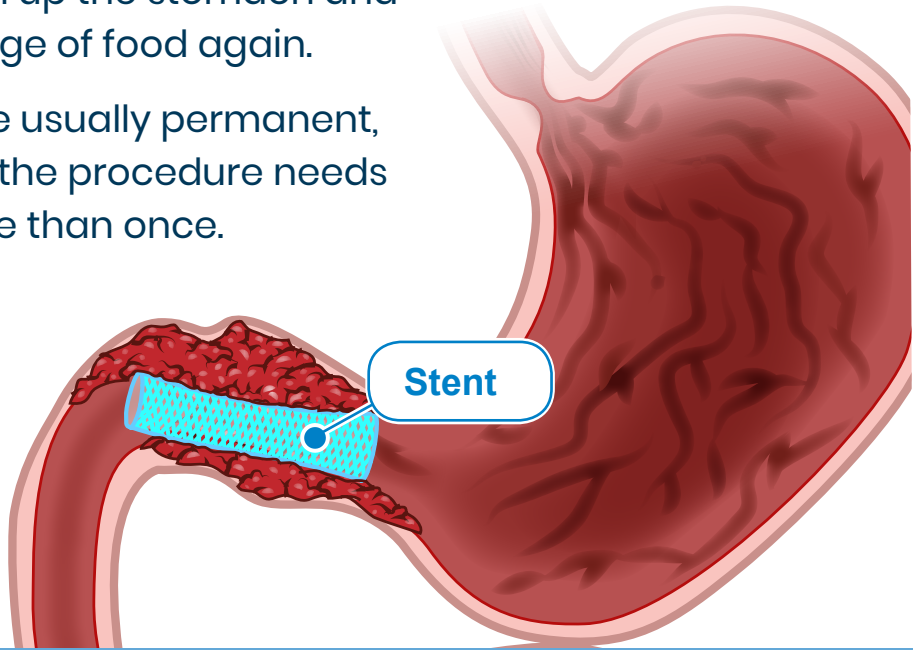


Usually gastric obstruction requires surgery to remove the tumour, but some tumours are too large to be removed.



In this case, a metal tube (stent) can be used to open up the stomach and allow the passage of food again.

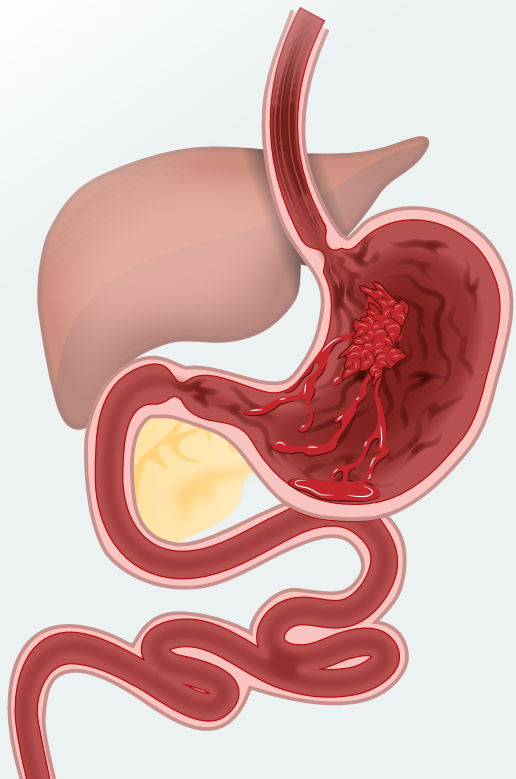
These stents are usually permanent, but sometimes the procedure needs to be done more than once.



# Control of bleeding

As stomach cancer grows, the tumour can become fragile and start to bleed.

This bleeding can lead to anemia and may require specialized treatment.



Sometimes bleeding from stomach cancer can be treated from inside the stomach using a gastroscope inserted through the mouth. Your doctor will use specialized tools and medications to find and stop the bleeding.

If the bleeding doesn't stop with the gastroscope, other treatments such as radiotherapy or emergency surgery may be needed.

