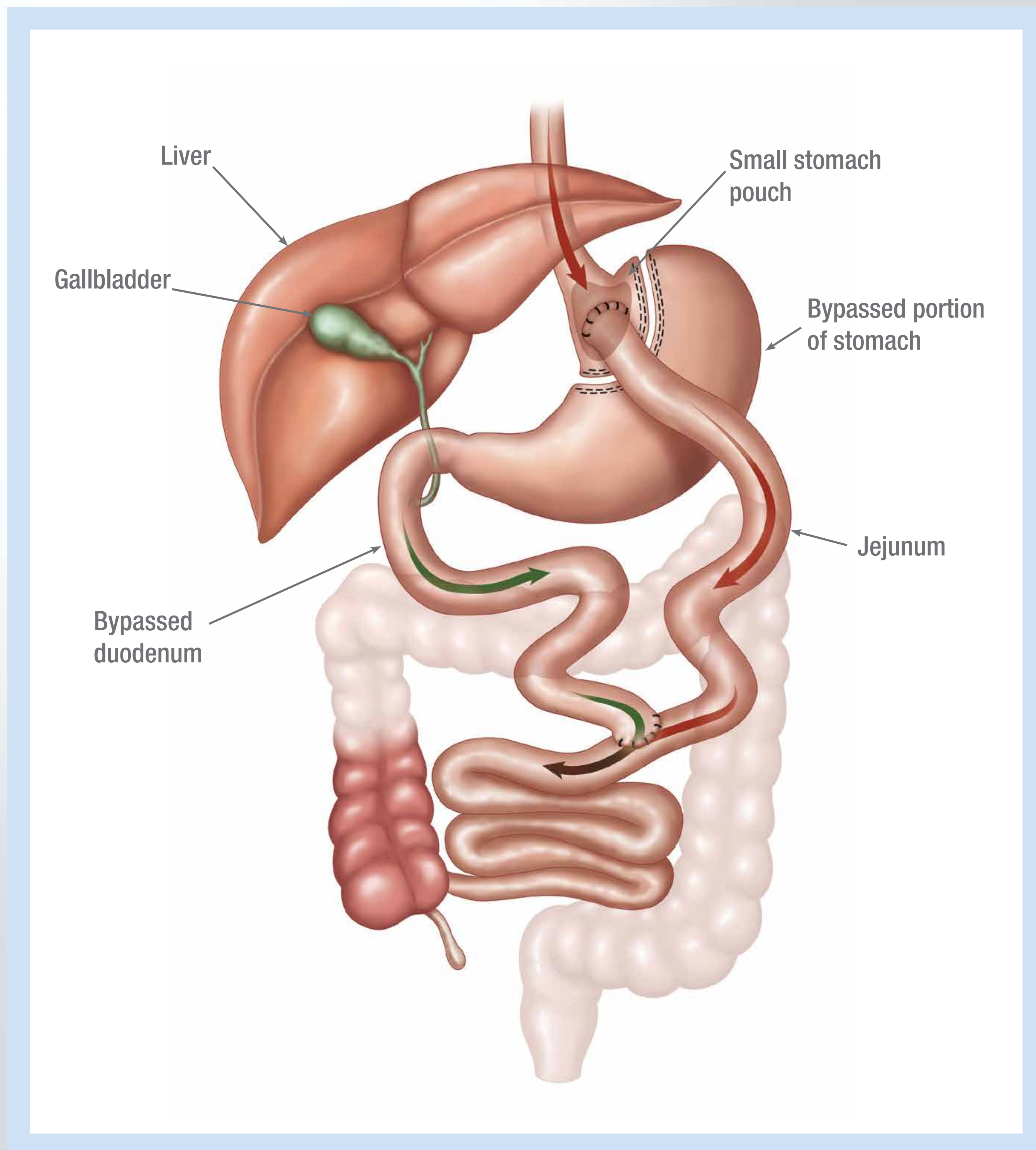


Gastric Bypass



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.