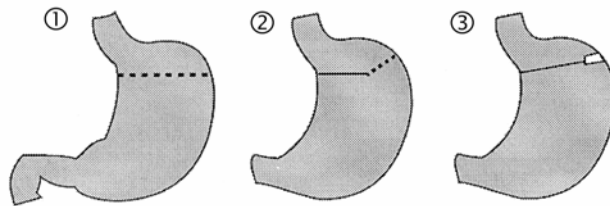
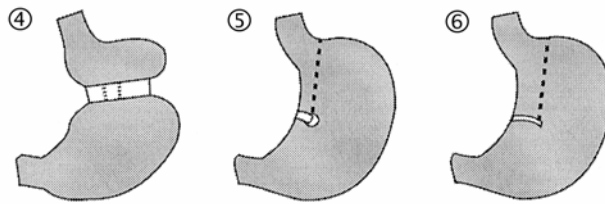




Various Gastroplasty Techniques



Horizontal Gastroplasties



Gastric
Banding

Vertical Banded
Gastroplasty

Silastic Ring
Gastroplasty

In each of these procedures staple lines are used to separate the upper and lower stomach except for a small anastomotic opening. The most popular is the vertical-banded gastroplasty where the esophagus is elongated with a surgical staple line through the upper stomach paralleling the lesser curvature. At the lower end of the staple line the entry into the lower stomach is reinforced with a Mylar ring.

Figure from *Physicians Information and Education Resource (PIER)*, Obesity module.