

 LOS ANGELES (KABC) -- A new procedure could help gastric bypass surgery patients who may need a second surgery.

The device is called stomaphyx and only a handful of surgeons are trained to use it.

It's inserted through the mouth to do corrective surgery in order to shrink the stomach again.

The good news, doctors don't have to cut the patient open, but there's a catch.

"We can fix the stomach, but if they don't fix their lifestyle and if they don't get involved in the support groups and follow ups with the surgeon then the stomach won't work the way they want it to work," said Dr. Julie Ellner, Alvarado Surgical Weight Loss Director.

Doctors recommend repeated follow-up visits, and a committment to exercise and nutritional programs.

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