

Cancer of the Stomach:

Surgery is the mainstay in the treatment of cancer of the stomach.

Depending on the location and stage of the cancer, an operation to remove a part of the stomach (subtotal gastrectomy) or all of the stomach (total gastrectomy) may be required. In either case the lymph nodes and the fatty tissue (omentum) around the stomach is removed. Depending on the extent of the cancer, some other organs in the area of the stomach may be removed during the operation. These may include the spleen or part of the pancreas.

Eating after a stomach surgery:

If only a part of the stomach is removed frequent small meals, may need to be taken. Gradually the left over stomach stretches so that eating will become near normal. However, if the whole stomach is removed, in addition to the change in eating habits vitamin and micronutrient supplements may be necessary for life long.

