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NESTOR DE LA CRUZ-MUNOZ, MD: In patients considering gastric bypass, they're often worried about what's going to happen to the leftover stomach that is separated but is no longer going to see food. They see it on the video as hanging in black space, and they wonder if it's going to be malnourished or disintegrate away or what's going to happen to it.

In reality, it continues to get the same blood supply and nervous supply that it had before we operated on them, so it continues to function as normal. The only difference is that it doesn't see food. It doesn't increase his risk of ulcers. It doesn't increase his risk of complications. It just doesn't see food any longer, but it continues to work like it did before.