

# ILEO-ANAL POUCH

When a total colectomy is performed, an option is to form an ileo-anal pouch using a section of the small bowel (ileum). The small bowel is folded to create a 'J' shape and stapled. The internal pouch is then attached to the anus, and will act as a reservoir to collect stool before it passes through the anus in a bowel movement.

