## Vertical sleeve gastrectomy

Vertical sleeve gastrectomy is a surgical procedure to assist with weight loss that involves a portion of the stomach being removed.

The minimally invasive procedure is performed laparoscopically and creates a new stomach in the shape of a long vertical tube or "sleeve." The new stomach only holds 1-2 ounces, reducing the amount of food consumed, yet allows the stomach to function normally without changing the intestinal tract or decreasing absorption of nutrients.

The portion of the stomach that is removed contains cells that produce the appetite hormone, Ghrelin. By significantly reducing the production of Ghrelin, appetite and sensation of hunger is reduced or eliminated.





Christopher Motto, MD, FACS, provides surgical and nonsurgical weight loss solutions using a multidisciplinary approach.

## **Conditions Treated:**

- Obesity
- Diabetes
- Hypertension
- Sleep apnea
- Degenerative joint disease

## **Services and Procedures:**

- Vertical Sleeve Gastrectomy
- Nonsurgical weight loss solutions



## The Evangelical Difference

- Personalized and comprehensive program for each patient
- Collaboration with Primary Care Physician
- Lifelong patient maintenance and suppor