END COLOSTOMY

This is formed when part of the large bowel and/or the rectum are removed. The remaining large bowel is brought out to the surface of the abdomen to create a stoma. An end colostomy can be temporary or permanent. If a temporary end colostomy is created, a diseased section of large bowel is removed, but the remaining bowel cannot be re-joined at the same time. This may be because it is unsafe or inappropriate for your surgeon to do at this time.

