

LOOP ILEOSTOMY

A loop ileostomy is usually created to protect a surgical join in the large bowel or to divert the flow of stool from an obstruction. It is formed when a loop of the small bowel is brought to the surface of the abdomen and opened to form a stoma. This can be temporary or permanent. A loop ileostomy can also be formed to protect the join following reconstruction surgery, such as an ileo-anal pouch. A loop ileostomy has two openings; only one of these will pass stool. The other may produce mucus.

