

Gastrotomy- Intra-operative

- 1) Make an incision from the xiphoid to the pubis.
- 2) Use retractors to retract the abdominal wall.
- 3) Inspect the entire gastrointestinal tract.
- 4) Exteriorize the stomach and isolate it from the remainder of abdominal contents using sterile swabs.
- 5) Place a couple of stay sutures in the wall of the stomach and let the assistant hold it.
- 6) Make a stab incision into the stomach wall where there are fewer blood vessels and capillaries in the ventral aspect of the stomach between the greater and lesser curvature.
- 7) Widen the incision with scissors.
- 8) Use suction to aspirate the stomach contents and then remove the foreign body.
- 9) Check gastric rumen for necrosis or perforation.
- 10) Close the stomach wall using absorbable suture material and a double layer of inverting sutures.
- 11) Lavage the surrounding abdominal organs.
- 12) Remove all swabs and count them to make sure none are left behind.
- 13) Close the skin incision appropriately.