

# New Obesity Technique

**In a major advancement in the treatment of obesity, a consultant surgeon has pioneered a new endoscopic technique to reduce stomach size.**

The technique, first performed in Ireland by consultant surgeon Mr. Patrick Leahy at Blackrock Clinic, consists of stapling the side of the stomach.

Although obesity is not a major problem in Ireland, the new technique will benefit a number of patients for whom dietary management has failed.

For those patients, the new technique represents a significant advance over current open surgical techniques, especially because they can resume a normal diet within a day, leave the hospital within three days and return to work in as little as a week after the procedure.

