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In contrast to surgery for duodenal ulcer, where the principal objective is to reduce duodenal exposure to gastric acid, in gastric ulcer surgery the ulcer is usually excised so that malignancy can then be confidently excluded. The standard operation is the Billroth I (Figure 67.14) but as with duodenal ulceration such surgery is now performed only for complications of gastric ulcer.

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