

MORE surgery for 227 lb. **Carnie Wilson**

She
can't
stop
eating!

CARNIE WILSON is so desperate to lose the 79 pounds she gained that she's considering a revolutionary new procedure to supplement her gastric surgery. The ENQUIRER has learned.

5-foot-3 singer — who once ballooned to over 300 pounds before losing almost her body weight and getting down to 148 pounds after her 1999 surgery — is back up to

she wants to slim down again so that she can have another baby, say sources.

Carnie is all too aware of the medical risks of being overweight," a close friend of the 39-year-old former Wilson Phillips member told The ENQUIRER.

She has her husband and daughter to think about — and Carnie wants at least one more baby."

The singer is eager to check out the new outpatient procedure

StomaphyX, which is available for people who have had gastric surgery but are still gaining weight.

Carnie is a latecomer to this procedure, says it could be the answer to her problems," revealed her friend.

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procedure (through the mouth) puts crimps in the stomach pouch formed by the surgery, tightening it so it works more or less like new.

Julie Ellner of San Diego is one of the top physicians performing the potentially life-saving intervention.

"The StomaphyX procedure is a remarkable technique that is used to retighten a gas-pass through the mouth, without any incisions," said Dr. Ellner.

"The patient has undergone gastric bypass surgery, and either their stomach pouch or their stoma (the connection between the stomach and the small intestine) has stretched, the patient has a strong tendency to gain weight.

The StomaphyX procedure is a very low

UPS AND DOWNS: Carnie weighed 300 pounds before her surgery (below). After the operation, her weight dropped by half to 148 pounds (right). Now, she has ballooned back up to 227 pounds (far right)



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risk, straightforward outpatient procedure that allows the surgeon to shrink the stomach from the inside — like taking darts or tucks in a waistband that is too large."

The size of the stomach can be reduced by up to 80 percent. This allows patients to reduce the amount of food they eat and the number of times they eat, without feeling overly hungry.

The best news is that the procedure does not have the hazards of routine gastric bypass surgery.

CONCLUDED CARNIE'S FRIEND: "She's game for anything that will safely help her get back to a weight where she's comfortable. She's pushing forward because she wants to be healthy again for her family — and she is determined to have another child."

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