



SOME REASONS OSTOMY SURGERY IS PERFORMED **TO SAVE A LIFE**

DURING COMPLICATIONS & ADVANCED STAGE:

- 1 **Crohn's disease** or **ulcerative colitis** complications
- 2 **Cancers** such as colorectal, bladder, cervical and others
- 3 **Infection (sepsis)** of the abdomen
- 4 **Perforated diverticulitis** or an abscess
- 5 **Birth defect** (for example imperforate anus or spina bifida) Rare diseases (such as Hirschprung's disease and FAP)
- 6 **Blunt or penetrating abdominal trauma** to the bladder, rectum or colon (for example stabbing, gunshot wound, or sexual violence)

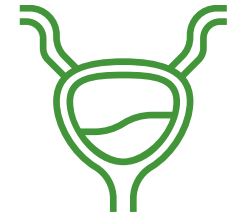


OSTOMY SURGERIES PERFORMED **ANNUALLY IN THE U.S.**

"My daughter's ostomy saved her life at the age of four." **Elsa Y.**



"Without my ostomy surgery I wouldn't be here today." **Mary F.**



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NEW **BLADDER CANCER** CASES ANNUALLY



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MOST COMMON CAUSE OF CANCER DEATH IS **COLORECTAL CANCER**



2 MOST COMMON

ORGANS WITH PENETRATING ABDOMINAL TRAUMA ARE **SMALL BOWEL (50%)** **LARGE BOWEL (40%)**

SPREAD OSTOMY AWARENESS...IT CAN BE A LIFE-SAVER.

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