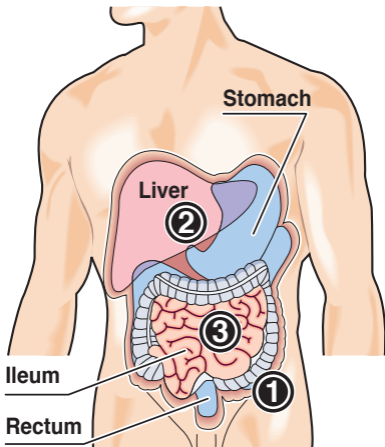


Surgery for Pope

Pope John Paul II has undergone surgery to remove an apparently benign tumour in the lower colon



1. Tumour removed from sigmoid flexure area of lower colon
2. There is said to be no metastasis – spreading of diseased cells – to the liver, which is the first organ to be involved in these cases
3. May 13, 1981 – John Paul suffered severe damage to the intestines when he was shot in an assassination attempt in St. Peter's Square