

ACCORDION-LIKE GASTRIC BAND

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A gastric band includes a belt and a balloon secured to the belt. The balloon and belt being shaped and dimensioned to circumscribe the stomach at a predetermined location. The balloon includes a longitudinally extending body with at least one crease formed therein, the crease extending along a longitudinal axis of the body for providing the balloon with a reduced noninflated profile without reducing the fill volume of the fully expanded balloon.

Figure 2