

## Living with the LAP-BAND<sup>®</sup> System

### **ARLENE** (*LAP-BAND<sup>®</sup> System patient*):

My starting weight was 327, and since the surgery, its going on two-and-a-half years, I'm at 186. And I stab a goal weight—I set goal weights for myself. And at every goal weight, I get to celebrate with something.

### **KORY** (*LAP-BAND<sup>®</sup> System patient*):

My kids love to play basketball out in the driveway with me and we shoot hoops and I can keep up with them now. Before I would sit on the deck and watch them play with each other and now I can join in. I'm just so much happier than I used to be. I just feel so much better.

### **ARLENE** (*LAP-BAND<sup>®</sup> System patient*):

I went bobsledding in the snow. The week after that my husband and I went roller-skating with our girls and we got to teach our 12-year old twins how to roller-skate for the first time.

### **LYN** (*LAP-BAND<sup>®</sup> System patient*):

I enjoy food so much more now. I love food and I'm a foodie. And I can eat so better now than I could before, because I could eat without fear

### **DR. JOHN DIXON** (*Expert on Obesity & Bariatric Surgery*):

We see great results. We see patients grab their life back. We see patients move better, function better. They are given a new start of life.

### **DUANE** (*LAP-BAND<sup>®</sup> System patient*):

My cholesterol is down. My knees and joints don't hurt.

### **TAMI** (*LAP-BAND<sup>®</sup> System patient*):

I feel like I could, you know, skip down the road. I can chase my kids. I can run after my dog. I can do heal-clickers, I can do just about anything that anyone else can do—maybe even a little better.

### **KORY** (*LAP-BAND<sup>®</sup> System patient*):

The neighbors have said, you know they have all made comments to my wife, did you get a new husband because they couldn't even recognize me.

### **MICHELE** (*LAP-BAND<sup>®</sup> System patient*):

I'm able to shop more. I have more stores that I can go into and find clothes that are my size.

**LYN** (*LAP-BAND<sup>®</sup> System patient*):

Everyone has their moments. There are times when I would like to eat everything I want to eat. But mostly, the rewards are so much more than the trials and tribulations that it's worth it.

**DR. JOHN DIXON** (*Expert on Obesity & Bariatric Surgery*):

The weight loss gives them a new life. They have an opportunity to really make a change and have a wonderful journey with the LAP-BAND<sup>®</sup> System.

## IMPORTANT LAP-BAND<sup>®</sup> SYSTEM SAFETY INFORMATION

**Indications:** The LAP-BAND<sup>®</sup> System is indicated for use in weight reduction for severely obese patients with a Body Mass Index (BMI) of at least 40 or a BMI of at least 35 with one or more severe comorbid conditions, or those who are 100 lbs. or more over their estimated ideal weight.

**Contraindications:** The LAP-BAND<sup>®</sup> System is not recommended for non-adult patients, patients with conditions that may make them poor surgical candidates or increase the risk of poor results (e.g., inflammatory or cardiopulmonary diseases, GI conditions, symptoms or family history of autoimmune disease, cirrhosis), who are unwilling or unable to comply with the required dietary restrictions, who have alcohol or drug addictions, or who currently are or may be pregnant.

**Warnings:** The LAP-BAND<sup>®</sup> System is a long-term implant. Explant and replacement surgery may be required. Patients who become pregnant or severely ill, or who require more extensive nutrition may require deflation of their bands.

Anti-inflammatory agents, such as aspirin, should be used with caution and may contribute to an increased risk of band erosion.

**Adverse Events:** Placement of the LAP-BAND<sup>®</sup> System is major surgery and, as with any surgery, death can occur. Possible complications include the risks associated with the medications and methods used during surgery, the risks associated with any surgical procedure, and the patient's ability to tolerate a foreign object implanted in the body.

Band slippage, erosion and deflation, reflux, obstruction of the stomach, dilation of the esophagus, infection, or nausea and vomiting may occur. Reoperation may be required.

Rapid weight loss may result in complications that may require additional surgery. Deflation of the band may alleviate excessively rapid weight loss or esophageal dilation.

**Important:** For full safety information please visit [www.Lapband.com](http://www.Lapband.com), talk with your doctor, or call Allergan Product Support at 1-800-624-4261.

**CAUTION:** Rx only.