

Obesity and Your Health

LYN (*LAP-BAND[®] System patient*):

I had the health issues. By the time I had the surgery I had sleep apnea, high blood pressure and high cholesterol.

MICHELE (*LAP-BAND[®] System patient*):

I come from a family that, we've had obesity related deaths.

KORY (*LAP-BAND[®] System patient*):

I was on medication for high cholesterol and my blood sugar was starting to creep up.

DUANE (*LAP-BAND[®] System patient*):

I was heading for a major heart attack.

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

Obesity is a very serious disorder, which can lead to quite serious health effects, particularly metabolic effects if people wear their weight around the central parts of their body.

LYN (*LAP-BAND[®] System patient*):

It was a problem and you wake up and like "Pshhh" you know, it's terrible it's a horrible thing sleep apnea. High blood pressure will kill you, high cholesterol will kill you.

LAURA BALDWIN (*Bariatric Coordinator*):

A lot of people who suffer from obesity also have other what we call co-morbid conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure, sleep apnea. Most of the time those conditions are drastically improved if not resolved after weight loss surgery.

IMPORTANT LAP-BAND® SYSTEM SAFETY INFORMATION

Indications: The LAP-BAND® 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® 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® 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® 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, talk with your doctor, or call Allergan Product Support at 1-800-624-4261.

CAUTION: Rx only.