

Getting LAP-BAND® Adjustments

LYN (*LAP-BAND® System patient*):

Adjustments are really easy. I go to my doctor's office, it's a regular doctor's visit, I go in, lay down on the pad and he does the adjustment. It's very simple, takes five minutes, and I'm out of there.

LAURA BALDWIN (*Bariatric Coordinator*):

At certain time periods you have to go in and the surgeon does a simple office procedure and they actually inject saline into the port that's implanted into the abdomen of the patient, and inject a small amount of saline. And what that does is that, that tightens the band a little bit so it's snug, and that helps the patient to eat less, to not feel hungry, and therefore, to continue to lose weight on a regular basis.

TAMI (*LAP-BAND® System patient*):

I would say a month, after my initial surgery that I could feel that I was getting hungry and I could eat more and I knew... and my weight plateaued.

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

Adjusting the fit of the band on your stomach, with band adjustments to be just right for you is critical for the proper functioning of the band and optimizing the results.

MICHELE (*LAP-BAND® System patient*):

I would come in for an adjustment and sometimes it would be too tight, sometimes I would come in for an adjustment and would still need to come back possibly a week later because I was still able to eat a decent portion of food.

KORY (*LAP-BAND® System patient*):

When I start eating and I don't get that feeling of fullness I know that I have to get an adjustment so I'll just call the surgeon and make an appointment and I'll get a filling and after I have the filling then the food just won't go through as fast so I can't eat as much.

LAURA BALDWIN (*Bariatric Coordinator*):

This is a procedure that if you don't go back and have your adjustments on a regular basis you simply won't lose weight, so the life long follow up and commitment on the part of the patient is essential.

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.