

What to Expect: Day of Surgery

STACEY (*LAP-BAND® System patient*):

I was excited, I was singing songs. We were in the waiting room and I was jumping around singing and people were like, actually after I left to go in for surgery the other people in the waiting room like “what kind of surgery is she having?”

TAMI (*LAP-BAND® System patient*):

I was in surgery by 7:30, I was out a couple hours later. Woke up comfortable, everything was fine.

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

It's a fairly short operation that takes less than an hour to do, and people are often up on their feet within an hour or two after surgery. They often go home within 24 hours, they're often home the same day.

LAURA BALDWIN (*Bariatric Coordinator*):

It is general anesthesia, in most cases the LAP-BAND® System surgery; it's around 45 minutes to an hour of general anesthesia depending on the actual length of the procedure. Most of the patients wake up fully before they even leave the operating room, they go into the recovery room, perhaps stay there 30 minutes to an hour until they're stable to go up to their room.

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.