

First Few Weeks: Recovering from LAP-BAND® Surgery

TAMI (*LAP-BAND® System patient*):

I spent one night, overnight in the hospital, where the doctors and nurses would just be able to keep an eye on me, and spent one night there. Went home by 11 o'clock and was laying comfortably in my bed, with my bell, so my husband would be able to come and dote on me.

LYN (*LAP-BAND® System patient*):

There was some discomfort after the surgery with a little bit of gas in the shoulder, which is quite common.

DUANE (*LAP-BAND® System patient*):

Well like any surgery you're groggy, and you hurt. I hurt for maybe a couple of days and then after that it just started getting better.

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

In many circumstances people feel great. Within a couple of days they're back to work within the week. They can usually perform most physical activity within three to four weeks.

LYN (*LAP-BAND® System patient*):

You're in and out so fast, and it's a quick recovery. I was back at work in less than a week.

MICHELE (*LAP-BAND® System patient*):

I literally was back to work by the 4th day.

TAMI (*LAP-BAND® System patient*):

My family was there to help me and for I would say two or three, probably three days I needed help at home. But after that I was ready to go back to work, I was itching to go back to work.

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.