

## LAP-BAND<sup>®</sup> System Advantages

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

I went, actually, for gastric-bypass, and when I heard about LAP-BAND<sup>®</sup>, that was it.

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

There's a very big difference between the LAP-BAND<sup>®</sup> System and gastric bypass. Gastric bypass, it requires cutting of the stomach, cutting of the bowel, re-plumbing of the bowel—so there's cutting, there's stapling, and there's a diversion—there's a re-rooting of the intestine. The LAP-BAND<sup>®</sup> System is quite different, it doesn't require stapling, cutting, rerouting of the bowel. Nutrition is very well looked after. There aren't these specific problems and if you like, it's a much more natural, a much safer way of losing weight.

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

This is a no-brainer; they don't have to cut me open. It's reversible if I need it to be.

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

When I looked into the LAP-BAND<sup>®</sup> it just seemed like that was my last hope, the last chance for me to get rid of this weight and to change my life.

**LAURA BALDWIN** (*Bariatric Coordinator*):

We have patients who range anywhere from 1 to 2 adjustments in the first year to 4, 5, 6. It's very individualized and that's the great thing about the LAP-BAND<sup>®</sup> System is you can customize the adjustments and the weight loss to the individual.

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

There are several sizes to the AP band: there's a large and a standard. The standard band fits most people, but if the surgeon feels its need to put an extra large one in, to put the large one in at the time of surgery then the surgeon will select the larger band.

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

I asked him I said, "What do you see as a better choice for me?" and as we discussed the LAP-BAND<sup>®</sup> and he gave me all the information, we came to the conclusion that the LAP-BAND<sup>®</sup> would be my choice.

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

Allergan with its OmniForm<sup>™</sup> technology and its experience with silicon technology has with the AP, produced the optimal band for today's market.

## 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](http://www.Lapband.com), talk with your doctor, or call Allergan Product Support at 1-800-624-4261.

**CAUTION:** Rx only.