

LYN (LAP-BAND® System patient): I went, actually, for gastric-bypass, and when I heard about LAP-BAND®, that was it.

JOHN DIXON (Expert on Obesity & Bariatric Surgery): There's a very big difference between the LAP-BAND® 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® 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® 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® System patient): When I looked into the LAP-BAND® 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® system is you can customize the adjustments and the weight loss to the individual.

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

JOHN DIXON (Expert on Obesity & Bariatric Surgery): Allergan with its Omnicore™ technology and its experience with silicon technology has with the AP, produced the optimal band for today's market.