

JOHN DIXON (Expert on Obesity & Bariatric Surgery): The operation itself is very minimally invasive. In fact, at the time of surgery, it's done using lathroscopic equipment. The surgeon can see within the abdominal cavity.

The idea is to simply to place the band around the very upper part of the stomach. There is no cutting of the stomach, there's no stapling of the stomach, there's no rejoining bowel-to-bowel. It's a very straightforward positioning of the band in a very precise place, just at the top of the stomach.

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): It's a much more natural, a much more, a much safer way of losing weight. It's about ten times safer, as far as mortality is concerned. The risk dying is about a tenth that of having gastric bypass.

ARLENE (LAP-BAND[®] System patient): Nothing about my LAP-BAND[®] experience has been painful, uncomfortable or negative. Everything has been positive and easy.

JOHN DIXON (Expert on Obesity & Bariatric Surgery): Patients should talk with their surgeon about the risks and complications associated with the LAP-BAND[®] System.