

ARLENE (LAP-BAND[®] System patient): My moment of truth was when I seen my oldest daughter's eyes, when I seen the fear in her eyes that she could possibly lose her mom. And I thought no, I have four beautiful daughters to live for and I wanted to live.

DUANE (LAP-BAND[®] System patient): My moment of truth was when I hit 303 pounds.

KORY (LAP-BAND[®] System patient): It was the realization that I wouldn't be around for my kids when they got older, that I wouldn't see my grandchildren.

MICHELE (LAP-BAND[®] System patient): When I realized that I couldn't even make it up a flight of subway stairs without being out of breath.

LYN (LAP-BAND[®] System patient): People would kindly send me pictures from family reunions and events and it was horrible to see this woman looking back at me and I had no idea who she was.

TAMI (LAP-BAND[®] System patient): My husband and my friends all went to climb up a mountain and I knew that I would not be able to make it up that mountain and I would be so disappointed in myself and I would be embarrassed so I didn't even go.

STACEY (LAP-BAND[®] System patient): I had a hard time coming to grips with even having to have surgery. Because I should have been able to do it myself, but once I talk to the psychiatrist and talked to my doctor about it, I realized why not use this tool that's out there, why not use it to help me.

LYN (LAP-BAND[®] System patient): If somebody were in the room with me right now and was considering LAP-BAND[®] surgery, I would tell them that for me it was absolutely the best thing I ever did for myself and I would so recommend it for anyone who's having a life long struggle with weight like I have.

ARLENE (LAP-BAND[®] System patient): Illness does something to people, it really makes you make real decisions and we made a real one, and that was to live.