

LAURA BALDWIN (Bariatric Coordinator): The first year is really focused on the patient learning to live with their LAP-BAND®. It's a commitment and we really stress that in the education pre-operatively so that we try to set the patient expectation to understand, it's lifelong. This is not a quick fix, it's not going to change your life instantly but if you work with your LAP-BAND®, it's going to provide tremendous success.

STACEY (LAP-BAND® System patient): You know the band makes you personally responsible. It makes you say I've got to eat healthy, I've got to work out.

LYN (LAP-BAND® System patient): Everyone has their moments. There are times when I would like to eat everything I want to eat. But mostly, the rewards are so much more than the trials and tribulations that it's worth it.

DUANE (LAP-BAND® System patient): It's just a learning experience, you learn pretty quickly. There were two or three times there where I would say well I'm going to eat one more bit and I shouldn't have ate that bite. But you learn.

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 you I realized why not use this tool that's out there, why not use it to help me.

LAURA BALDWIN (Bariatric Coordinator): You can't put a price on your health and to have a resolution and all of these co-morbidities, to have an improved quality of life and begin living again, it's definitely worth that investment.

MICHELE (LAP-BAND® System patient): I worked for this. It wasn't just having the adjustments. It was also me adjusting my thinking pattern and really learning to accept and to love myself and to love others around me and to do something about getting my body in shape.

TAMI (LAP-BAND® System patient): I'm never going to live that life again, ever. It's the best thing that's ever happened to me. The LAP-BAND® saved my life absolutely.

LYN (LAP-BAND® System patient): You see where I was and you see where I am and you see where I'm going to be. Come back, come back in a year, I will be a hot mama.