

LAP-Band Adjustable Gastric Banding System

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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 according to the 1983 Metropolitan Life Insurance Tables (use the midpoint for medium frame). It is indicated for use only in severely obese adult patients who have failed more conservative weight-reduction alternatives, such as supervised diet, exercise and behavior modification programs. Patients who elect to have this surgery must make the commitment to accept significant changes in their eating habits for the rest of their lives.

Clinically Proven

The LAP-BAND® Adjustable Gastric Banding System is being used by leading surgeons around the world to treat patients suffering from life-threatening severe obesity.

A Minimally Invasive Surgical Option for the Treatment of Severe Obesity

Using the LAP-BAND System to treat severe obesity is less invasive than other surgical procedures. The LAP-BAND System is designed to be placed

laparoscopically. No cutting or stapling of the stomach is required. From 1990 to 1993, the ILOST team performed 255 "open" gastric banding procedures using the first generation Adjustable Silicone Gastric Banding System (Kuzmak), Inamed Development. In October 1992, they first developed and used the minimally invasive, laparoscopic approach. Changes were made to the gastric banding device originally developed by Dr. Kuzmak in order to make it suitable for the laparoscopic approach.

Between that time and November 2000, 1,500 patients underwent the LAP-BAND System procedure at centers in Italy (Dr. Favretti, Obesity Center, University of Padua, Padua; Surgical Department, Regional Hospital, Vicenza), and Belgium (Dr. Cadiere, Surgical Department, Free University, Brussels). The average length of the procedure is 75 minutes (between 45 and 240 minutes).

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