

LAP-BAND TOTAL CARE[®] Program

The surgeons who perform the LAP-BAND[®] System procedure have been trained and certified - meeting rigid standards for qualification. Additionally, Allergan offers another level of certification: LAP-BAND TOTAL CARE[®]. Surgeons dedicated to furthering their knowledge, experience and patient follow-up care are offered the LAP-BAND TOTAL CARE[®] certification program that allows them to further their training in a number of different areas. Furthermore, LAP-BAND[®] surgeons are all dedicated to treating your unique needs and concerns with respect and dignity.

The LAP-BAND TOTAL CARE[®] Program, developed by Allergan based on the worldwide experience with the LAP-BAND[®] System, is a comprehensive set of clinical and operational “best practices”. What does this mean for you, the patient? It means that your LAP-BAND[®] System Bariatric team can access the LAP-BAND TOTAL CARE[®] tools they need to give you the best care, information and support possible, anywhere. These tools are designed to support surgeons and patients throughout the lifestyle and body image transformation, from your first contact with the front desk to your day in the operating room and ultimately to your long-term weight loss success.

The professional team involved in bariatric practice that follows the LAP-BAND TOTAL CARE[®] guidelines can include: a dietician, nurse practitioner(s), surgical nurse(s), mental health professional(s), and physical therapist(s). The program provides helpful tools and tips to everyone on the team, including the office staff.

With the help of the LAP-BAND TOTAL CARE[®] Program, your healthcare team is able to support your every step along your weight loss journey with the LAP-BAND[®] System.

They will help you with important areas such as:

- Establishing your goals and expectations
- Preparing for your surgical procedure
- Explaining the importance of integrating diet, exercise, and the ongoing support of those close to you in a comprehensive weight loss plan that includes the LAP-BAND[®] System
- Outlining the dietary recommendations
- Support both before and after surgery, to help you successfully maintain your ongoing lifestyle changes

IMPORTANT LAP-BAND[®] SYSTEM SAFETY INFORMATION

Indications: 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.

Contraindications: The LAP-BAND[®] System is not recommended for non-adult patients, patients with conditions that may make them poor surgical candidates or increase the risk of poor results (e.g., inflammatory or cardiopulmonary diseases, GI conditions, symptoms or family history of autoimmune disease, cirrhosis), who are unwilling or unable to comply with the required dietary restrictions, who have alcohol or drug addictions, or who currently are or may be pregnant.

Warnings: The LAP-BAND[®] System is a long-term implant. Explant and replacement surgery may be required. Patients who become pregnant or severely ill, or who require more extensive nutrition may require deflation of their bands.

Anti-inflammatory agents, such as aspirin, should be used with caution and may contribute to an increased risk of band erosion.

Adverse Events: Placement of the LAP-BAND[®] System is major surgery and, as with any surgery, death can occur. Possible complications include the risks associated with the medications and methods used during surgery, the risks associated with any surgical procedure, and the patient's ability to tolerate a foreign object implanted in the body.

Band slippage, erosion and deflation, reflux, obstruction of the stomach, dilation of the esophagus, infection, or nausea and vomiting may occur. Reoperation may be required.

Rapid weight loss may result in complications that may require additional surgery. Deflation of the band may alleviate excessively rapid weight loss or esophageal dilation.

Important: For full safety information please visit www.Lapband.com, talk with your doctor, or call Allergan Product Support at 1-800-624-4261.

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