

# These LAP-BAND® System patients wanted to share their success stories with you!



## LAP-BAND Patient Robin, lost 150 lbs:

"I felt the gastric bypass was too drastic a surgery but I knew I needed to do 'something.' When I heard about the LAP-BAND, I knew immediately it was perfect. I knew that the LAP-BAND would help me lose weight with reduced food intake without the starvation and deprivation. If I got pregnant or got ill, all the fluid could be removed and I could have a temporary 'regular' stomach again. It seemed like a no-brainer!

Now, three and a half years after LAP-BAND surgery, I feel like a totally transformed person! The LAP-BAND changed my life!"



## LAP-BAND Patient Brooke, lost 160 lbs:

"I was tired of living life at 292 lbs. I had success with other weight-loss methods, but none of them worked long-term. I have a son whom I did not want to embarrass one day. I wanted to be around to enjoy him growing up, to see him graduate and get married. I wanted to be healthy, and I wanted the woman on the outside to match the one on the inside.

As a nurse I researched as much as I could. I loved the fact that the LAP-BAND was the safest surgery available and that it was adjustable. I have lost 160 lbs since my surgery, and I have to admit... I really love the way I look as well!"



## LAP-BAND Patient Frank, lost 135 lbs:

"I enjoy backpacking and scuba diving. As I got heavier, it became increasingly more difficult for me to be active. I tried everything and was dedicated to losing weight – but nothing worked.

I didn't want to wind up with health problems. I am married and wanted to start a family. I felt as if I was losing control of my life, despite all of my efforts.

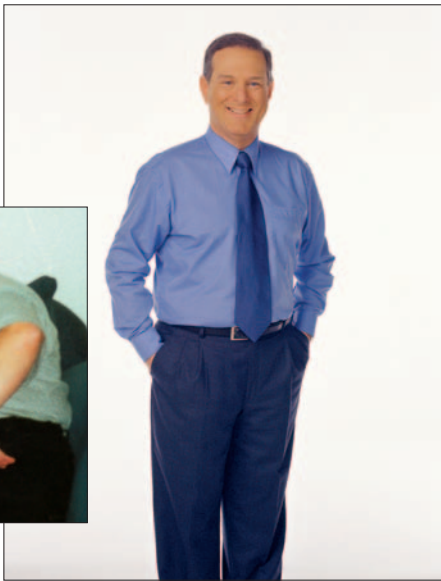
I chose the LAP-BAND because the surgery is much shorter and less risky, and recovery is quicker. I returned to work the day I was back from the hospital. Almost four years after my surgery, I am still in control of my weight and my life and enjoy every day I spend with my daughter."



### LAP-BAND Patient Elma, lost 135 lbs:

"Before my surgery, I spent 20 years feeling ashamed of how I looked. I was miserable. Every joint in my body hurt from packing around the weight. In January 2001, I decided to have LAP-BAND surgery.

I am now wearing size 10 clothes, and that is smaller than I thought I would be when I was all done losing weight! I continue to be amazed at this new body of mine, and I love being able to do anything I want without a second thought. And sharing my success with the LAP-BAND and letting people know about this wonderful, safe and less invasive weight-loss surgery is so much fun."



### LAP-BAND Surgeon and Patient Dr. Grossbard, lost 105 lbs:

"I have been a general surgeon for 20 years and started doing LAP-BAND surgery around the same time that I got my own LAP-BAND – in October 2002. After this minimally invasive procedure, I was back at home the next day and was able to resume operating 2 days later.

It is absolutely magnificent to see a patient taking six pills a day, and, within a matter of a couple of weeks, see them come back to the office taking no medication. It is the first time in my medical career as a surgeon where I can truly cure a chronic medical disease."



### LAP-BAND Patient Lisa, lost 140 lbs:

"I struggled with my weight my entire life. I tried everything, every diet and exercise combination imaginable, but had managed to diet my way to over 300 lbs. At that weight, life was a struggle. Even though I was young, I had high blood pressure, was borderline diabetic and suffered from constant lower back pain.

I discovered the LAP-BAND on the Internet, attended a patient seminar and immediately knew it was right for me. Since my surgery, I no longer have high blood pressure, high blood sugar levels or lower back pain. The LAP-BAND has been the tool that I needed to finally be successful at losing weight!"