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The laparoscopic adjustable banding surgery is an invasive weight loss procedure that bands the stomach to an implanted prosthetic device.

The device sections off the stomach into a pair of pouches connected by a narrow passage, which slows down digestion and curtails the amount of food an individual, will be able to consume. The Lap Band procedure assists patients in giving them less of an appetite and gives them the sense of being full sooner while eating less.

In breaking down Lap Band surgery, the weight loss procedure is composed of three parts:

Silicone or silastic (pliable soft plastic) band;

Reservoir or "port"; and

A tube joining the band to the port

After performing a number of tiny incisions, a lap band doctor will insert a tiny video camera to view the region where the device is to be implanted.

At that time, the lap band is then inserted and placed around the upper part of the stomach. A small stomach pouch is created just on top the band, and the bigger stomach pouch stays in place below the band. The reservoir or port is situated just beneath an individual's surface fatty tissue and skin. The port and the band stay inside the patient's body and are connected by the tube.