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Once the port and band are inside the individual, the lap band doctor then injects saline into the port to inflate the band, which makes the route to the stomach smaller, further limiting the amount of food consumption.

Draining saline through the port deflates the band, making the route size larger into the stomach, permitting increased food intake.

The amount of time for this procedure is generally anywhere from 30 minutes to an hour, and may or may not require an overnight hospital stay depending on each person's situation.