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Once a patient has had the lap band procedure done, they will often discover that they have a decline in pain and a shorter recovery time compared to other similar procedures like Gastric Bypass surgery and no hospital stay. A lap band procedure most oftentimes will take as little as 30 minutes to an hour.

Another advantage to lap band surgery versus Gastric Bypass surgery is the procedure is adjustable and reversible should the lap band patient not be satisfied with the results.

When a patient needs to have the lap band adjusted, it can be done through a simple procedure where a saline solution is inserted into the lap band itself. The surgeon does this by easily inserting a saline-filled needle into the skin and then into the reservoir portion of the lap band. This adjustment can also be done for women who are looking to become pregnant or individuals who are hoping to lose added weight.

If a person finds that the Lap Band surgery was not for them over time, the lap band unlike the Gastric Bypass procedure may be removed.

While doctors do not advise for any reason removing the lap band, knowing that it can be removed often gives comforts to patients, yet another advantage for individuals seeking this form of weight loss surgery.