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Lap Band surgery involves forming a small pouch in the upper portion of the stomach with a controlled and adjustable stoma to limit the amount of food that an individual will consume.

A band device is placed through small incisions in the abdomen and is situated around the upper part of the stomach. The resulting pouch (or the "new stomach") limits the functional capacity of the stomach. The band has a balloon from the inside that can be adjusted and is able to decrease stoma size, thus contributing to the period of fullness.

Lap Band adjustment is an easy procedure and painless, as a doctor will inject saline into a port situated under the skin in the wall of the stomach. The tube that comes off of the band makes its way to the port. The number of Lap Band adjustments will vary from patient to patient.