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Two classes of medications that should be used only in consultation with one's lap band specialist is diuretics (fluid pills) and NSAIDs (most over-the-counter pain medicines).

NSAIDs (ibuprofen, naproxen, etc.) can be a precursor to ulcers in the small pouch or the attached bowel. The majority of diuretic medicines make the kidneys see a decline in potassium.

With the dramatically reduced intake experienced by most lap band surgery patients, they are not able to gather in the necessary amount of potassium from food to compensate. When potassium levels drop too low, an individual can be looking at fatal heart problems.

For the person about to have or who has recently undergone lap band surgery, remember to consult with one's lap band doctor regarding Lap Band and Medications.

The lap band surgery helps in the process of losing weight, but it equally important that all medicines be discussed and cleared by one's surgeon so that no surprises arise with lap band surgery.