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The laparoscopic adjustable banding procedure is a minimally invasive weight loss surgery that bands the stomach to an implanted prosthetic device. The device sections off the stomach into two pouches connected by a narrow passage, which slows digestion and contains the amount of food an individual, will eat. The Lap Band Technique helps patients in reducing their appetite and allows individuals to feel full sooner while eating less.

The Lap Band Technique is made up of three parts:

Silicone or silastic (pliable soft plastic) band;

Reservoir or "port"; and

A tube joining the band to the port