

## Laparoscopic Adjustable Gastric Band After Care

During laparoscopic adjustable gastric banding procedure a band is placed around the top portion of the stomach. This band can be adjusted by accessing a subcutaneous port and adding fluid. Typically, these adjustments need to occur monthly for the first year and then periodically for the rest of your life.

Once placed, the band should be monitored with annual screening tests (even when you're not needing further adjustments) including an upper GI x-ray to assess the band position and function and continue to monitor for late complications of the procedure. While gastric band placement, is still an option, it has become increasingly less performed and accounts for less than 2% of all operations performed currently.

Due to the decreased number of people getting gastric band procedures, finding a doctor who is familiar with and knows how to care for a gastric band patient has become difficult! If you are struggling to find a physician with experience with gastric band care, you can stop your worries.

Because Dr. Udelhofen completed a bariatric fellowship he has extensive experience with many weight loss procedures that are unknown to general surgeons. He is ready to help you continue your weight loss surgery and optimize your weight loss results with your current gastric band.

If you are having issues with your gastric band, Dr. Udelhofen has extensive experience helping patients find relief both with surgical and nonsurgical options! If the gastric band is no longer right for you, Dr. Udelhofen has extensive experience removing the band with and without further surgical revisional procedures.

If your band care has lapsed, or your ready for a better experience, book your gastric band after-care consult today!