

# Gastric Banding

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Gastric banding, also known as LAP Band Surgery, is a type of weight loss surgery where the size of your stomach is reduced using an inflatable silicone device that is placed around the top portion of the stomach, usually via laparoscopic surgery, so that you can only eat small meals.



## What is involved in Gastric Banding Surgery?

Gastric banding is a relatively safe operation, whereby the surgeon will place an adjustable band around the top of the stomach to create a smaller pouch for the stomach. This pouch will trap and hold food once it is then ingested, and prior to being digested.

The benefit of this is that there is a smaller capacity for the stomach to hold solid food, which results in a person feeling full more quickly.

Food in the pouch is also digested more slowly, extending a person's sense of "fullness", which can last longer after meals.

## No cutting or stapling

If the thought of open surgery gives you the jitters, the lap band is a relatively safe operation with low risk of complications as a minimally invasive surgery. The entire operation can be done in 30 min to 1 hour.

## Sustainable solution to better health

Most doctors agree that weight loss is the best way to reduce your risk of heart disease, diabetes, and even certain types of cancer.

With an effective management to your appetite, studies have shown that this procedure cause an average of 23kg of weight loss at 2 years, and up to 43kg of weight loss at 5 years.

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**Samitivej Surgeon**

Chartchai Rattanamahattana , M.D.

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Expertise: Breast Surgery, Facial Cosmetic Surgery, Liposuction, Plastic Surgery.

Languages: Thai, English and Chinese.  
Education: Mahidol University

1982 Diplomate Thai Board of Surgery.



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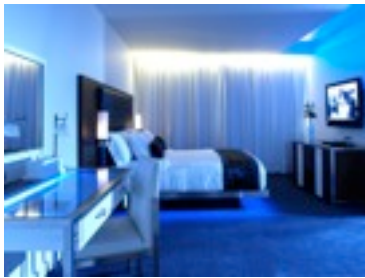
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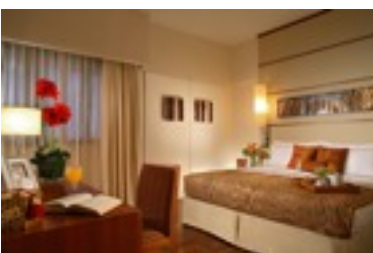
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