



Gastric Bands – Is There a Difference?

There are several different types of gastric bands currently on the market. While most are quite similar in form and function, the Slimband® does have some key differences. All gastric bands approved for use in Canada have gone through rigorous testing to comply with Health Canada regulations and have also been approved in several European countries, including France, Belgium, Italy and the United Kingdom.

Gastric Band Comparison Chart

	Lap-Band®	Slimband®*	REALIZE® Band
Consists of a ring, tubing and a port	✓	✓	✓
Has a 10 - 11 cc fill reservoir and a 360 degree balloon	✓	✓	✓
Designed with implantable hypoallergenic materials	✓	✓	✓
Placed in the body in a similar fashion, using similar surgical instruments	✓	✓	✓
Can be locked and unlocked. This feature makes repositioning or replacement much easier	✗	✓	✗
Can be easily seen with a Fluoroscope, for more accurate adjustments or to confirm a Band slippage	✗	✓	✗

**We have found Slimband® to be the superior band, based on clinical data collected by our clinic. Please note that it is the manner in which the band is adjusted that is more*

Doctor Yau Prefers Slimband® to Other Gastric Bands

Dr. Patrick Yau, Canada’s leading specialist in advanced laparoscopic surgery recommends the Slimband® adjustable gastric band. In 2009, Slimband® was approved as a licensed class 3 medical: device; Health Canada, License Number 80743. Slimband® is manufactured in France by Cousin Biotech, to exacting standards of safety and reliability.

Dr. Yau has performed over 4000 gastric banding procedures – the most of any surgeon in Canada - and is the Medical Director at Slimband®. His credentials include training in general and bariatric surgery from McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, and the University of Toronto. He is a member of the Ontario Medical Association, the Ontario Association of General Surgeons, the Canadian Association for Bariatric Surgeons and the American Society of Bariatric Surgeons.

The Importance of Fill Adjustments



Since gastric bands from different manufactures are very similar, the deciding factor for gastric band surgery is not necessarily which band to choose, but a combination of which surgeon you choose to perform the procedure, and the follow-up care you receive.

Post-operative band adjustments, called fill adjustments, or "fills", are the process of tightening the Slimband®. This is accomplished by inserting a saline solution into the port via a hypodermic needle and filling the Slimband® with the solution. A "de-fill" is the removal of a portion of the saline solution with the same method, which makes the Slimband® looser. This procedure only takes a few minutes, and must be performed by either a trained doctor or nurse. Occasionally, a fluoroscope may be used so that the doctor can clearly see the position of the port and the Slimband®.

Accurate fills are crucial in getting the results you want. The sooner you reach your 'sweet-spot' the sooner you will be on the road to achieving your weight loss goals and seeing a resolution to many of your co-morbidities.



Nancy Coulombe - RN, Nurse, and Fill Adjustment Coordinator

The Slimband® Clinic, specializes in fill adjustments, having performed over 50,000 to date, and has created a propriety technique of band adjustments so you can be assured that your band will be optimally adjusted in the shortest amount of visits; a service that non-specialized clinics cannot compete with.

In addition, Slimband® has more fill locations across the nation than any other clinic, giving you the best access to qualified, and convenient patient care, no matter where you are located.

Non-Slimband® clinics may not give you the best fill results, as they work on a trial and error method, so this could waste a lot of your time, effort and money in repeated visits to correct improper fills.



The Slimband Adjustable Gastric Band

Go to the experts at Slimband® for your fills, and you'll get the best fill treatments the first time, every time. You'll be helped on your way to a new, healthy lifestyle more quickly and efficiently with Slimband®.

The pairing of Doctor Yau, Slimband® and the Slimband® Clinic are the winning combination for thousands of people from all over the world seeking better health - just like you! So, even though Slimband® is our band of choice, it is Slimband®'s superior fill and aftercare program that make Slimband® the best in its class.

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