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Lap-band weight loss surgery: The experiences of patients**Caroline Agboola**

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Obesity has been identified as a global epidemic in developed countries, with the United States of America reported to have one of the highest numbers of obese people in the world. This epidemic has been observed to be a growing problem that is experienced by developing countries, such as South Africa, too. South Africa is reported to have one of the highest prevalence of obesity in Africa. One of the ways that people manage obesity is through weight loss surgery, also known as bariatric surgery. There are various types of weight loss surgeries, but the focus of this paper is lap-band weight loss surgery. This paper seeks to examine lap-band surgery from the perspectives of the people who have had the procedure in South Africa.

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