

The LAP-BAND® Adjustable Gastric Banding System,  
performed by Stephen Levine MD, the first surgeon in the Volusia/Flagler  
area to offer the Lap Band weight loss surgery option.



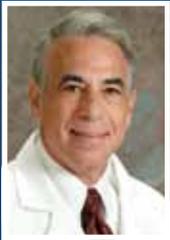
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Your **HOPE** for a healthier,  
happier you!



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**Stephen Levine, MD, FACS**

*Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center, Bariatric Surgeon*

Dr. Levine is board certified in General Surgery and Critical Care and has been with *Memorial Medical Center* since 1987. He considers his choice to focus

his practice at *Memorial* as the single most important professional decision he has made. In 2004, Levine and a clinical team began developing the Lap Band program and in June of 2005, Dr. Levine became the first surgeon in the Volusia/Flagler area to offer the weight loss surgery option.



**Christian Birkedal, MD**

*Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center, General Surgeon*

Prior to joining *Florida Hospital Memorial System*, Dr. Birkedal served as both the Wound Treatment Center's Medical Director and Chairman of

Department of Surgery at Capital Regional Medical Center. Since education has been, and continues to be important to Dr. Birkedal, he has given several medical presentations and has written textbook chapters for *Emedicine Textbook of Surgery*. Dr. Birkedal is also a Clinical Associate Professor and teaches students via Daytona Beach Community College's branch of the Florida State University School of Medicine.

## Increase your confidence. Increase your self-esteem. Increase your happiness.

If obesity is affecting your quality of life, today, you have options. The *Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center's Surgical Weight Loss Center* is dedicated to enhancing your health and your future with a variety of treatments and procedures to help you take control of your obesity, achieve your desired goals and regain your health.

### The LAP-BAND® Adjustable Gastric Banding System. Safe. Reversible. Effective.

Approved by the Food and Drug Administration since 2001, The LAP-BAND® Adjustable Gastric Banding System is one of the safest and least invasive surgical treatments. The LAP-BAND is simply placed around the stomach to restrict food intake and provide an early sensation of fullness after eating a meal. More than 450,000 LAP-BAND System procedures have been performed around the world.

- Minimally Invasive Approach
- Safest and Least Traumatic Procedure
- Adjustable Treatment



Gastric Band Bariatric Surgery — real results as experienced by **Jim**, a patient of Dr. Stephen Levine.



### Sleeve Gastrectomy. Rapid, Dramatic Weight Loss.

Another option is a sleeve gastrectomy, an effective, safe weight loss operation that removes the part of the stomach where a specific hormone is produced so that patients don't feel hungry all the time. Performed via five tiny incisions, a sleeve gastrectomy allows permanent reduction in hunger and weight, without implants, no long term nutritional problems and rapid resolution of diabetes in many patients.

- Needs no adjustments
- No foreign body is implanted into the body
- No long-term nutritional problems



Gastric Band Bariatric Surgery — real results as experienced by **Gloria**, a patient of Dr. Stephen Levine.

### Call Today For a Change.

With a highly trained team of surgeons, nurses, nutritionists, exercise therapists and psychologists, we are able to provide patients with a safe and effective weight-loss surgery, comprehensive pre and post-operative and ongoing aftercare.

**Take the first step in taking control of your health by attending a free information session. Call or log on to register. Sign up for our e-newsletter and receive a complimentary nutritional shake sample.**



Gastric Band Bariatric Surgery — real results as experienced by **Shelly**, a patient of Dr. Stephen Levine.



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**Gastric Band Bariatric Surgery — real results as experienced by **Mario**, a patient of Dr. Stephen Levine.**



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