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Lap Band was introduced more than two decades ago in places like Europe and Australia. The weight loss procedure got its approval in the United States in 2001 after receiving Food & Drug Administration (FDA) backing.

The Lap Band system dates back to early 1985, when Dr. Dag Hallberg of Sweden sought approval for a patent for the Swedish Adjustable Gastric Band (SAGB) within Scandinavian countries.

Following the use of the SAGB in a controlled series of 50 operations, Hallberg and his assistant, Dr. Peter Forsell, started using the open technique to implant the SAGB on patients living in the Scandinavian countries.