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In most cases, the Lap Band Decision is not the right answer for individuals if:

- * The individual is pregnant. (If one becomes pregnant following the placement of the Lap Band, the band might need to be deflated. The same holds true if the person requires additional nutrition for any other reason, such as becoming seriously ill. In rare cases, removal may be required.)

- * They are addicted to alcohol or drugs.

- * They are not 18 years of age.

- * The person has an infection anywhere in their body or one that could contaminate the surgical area.

- * They are on chronic, long-term steroid treatment.

- * They are not able to or choose not to follow the dietary rules that are necessary with this procedure.