

Losing 100 Pounds In Five Months: Tim Pearce Calls His LAP-BAND® Surgery in Mexico 'A Lifesaver'

American Tim Pearce traveled to Hospital Angeles in Tijuana to get LAP-BAND Surgery and as a result sees a positive, healthy future on the horizon.

February 15, 2010 (FPRC) -- CHULA VISTA, CA - When American Tim Pearce started researching weight loss surgery, he weighed in at 311 pounds. But because of a recent job layoff, he had lost his health insurance making it impossible for him to afford having LAP BAND ® Surgery in the United States.

Pearce's internet research led him to Hospital Angeles In Tijuana, Mexico. Angeles Health International (AHI) is a U.S. based organization that organizes medical travel on behalf of the largest private hospital network in Mexico. The Angeles hospitals can be found at various locations across Mexico, including Juarez, Guadalajara, Tijuana, Puebla, and Lomas and Pedregal in Mexico City.

Pearce chose weight loss surgery as a last resort. His weight was skyrocketing and was not controlled by medication. After trying numerous exercise and weight loss plans and prescription weight loss medicine, Pearce realized that his thyroid condition coupled with diabetes, made it impossible to lose weight. He opted for LAP-BAND® weight loss surgery to save his life.

"Going to a different country can be a little scary. But the hospital looked like a five-star hotel and was very clean," said Pearce. He was immediately put at ease by the hospital coordinator who greeted him upon arrival. Pearce received lab work and pre-op tests from friendly medical staff before his surgery. "If not for Dr. Corvala and Hospital Angeles, I would not be in the position I am in today." That position is that Pearce has lost 100 pounds and no longer suffers from the effects of diabetes.

Pearce turned to Dr. Juan Lopez-Corvala, one of the top ten weight-loss surgeons in the world. In the two years that Dr. Lopez-Corvala has been at Hospital Angeles Tijuana, he has performed more than 3,000 surgeries on American medical travelers.

"Success for the obesity surgery patient is about much more than weight loss - it is about changing your entire life. Our goal at Hospital Angeles Tijuana is to help the patient achieve weight loss as well as improved self-esteem. Both are essential to experience true quality of life," said Dr. Lopez-Corvala, Gastroenterologist Surgeon at Hospital Angeles Tijuana.

Hospital Angeles offers several types of bariatric surgery including Gastric Sleeve, Gastric Band with LAP-BAND® or Realize Band™, Gastric Bypass (RNY) and Intra-gastric Balloon. With all of the latest procedures available in state-of-the-art hospitals, the surgeons are able to choose the right procedure for each patient to get the best lifetime results and focus attentive and personalized care.

About Angeles Health International:

U.S. based Angeles Health International is the medical travel division of the largest private hospital family in Mexico. It treats more Americans traveling abroad for medical care than any other hospital network in the world. Angeles Health International was created specifically to serve the needs of American patients.

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