

Hemorrhoidal Banding

Southwest Gastroenterology Associates

7788 Jefferson Street NE

Albuquerque, NM 87109

(505) 999-1600

Our physicians use the patented and proprietary CRH O'Regan System for the treatment of hemorrhoids. This highly effective (99.1%), minimally invasive procedure is performed in our offices in less than a minute. We make recommendations to reduce the chance of recurrence later (currently 5% in 2 years). If there are multiple hemorrhoids, we treat them one at a time in separate visits.

During the brief and painless procedure, the physician places a small rubber band around the tissue just above the internal hemorrhoid where there are few pain-sensitive nerve endings. Unlike traditional banding techniques that use a metal-toothed clamp to grasp the tissue, we use a gentle suction device, reducing the risk of pain and bleeding. Advanced cases where the diagnosis is both internal and external hemorrhoids may require additional therapy as rubber banding alone may not be suitable.

Our banding procedure works by cutting off the blood supply to the hemorrhoid. This causes the hemorrhoid to shrink and fall off, typically within a day or so. You probably won't even notice when this happens or be able to spot the rubber band in the toilet. Once the hemorrhoid is gone, the wound usually heals within one to five days.

During the first 24 hours, some patients may experience a feeling of fullness or a dull ache in the rectum. This can typically be relieved with an over-the-counter pain medication. However, a remarkable 99.1% of patients treated with our method have no post-procedure pain.

In fact, thanks to our advanced system, our procedure has a ten-fold reduction in complications compared to traditional banding.

For one, our instruments are smaller, affording greater comfort for patients and easier and quicker to use for physicians. Unlike other devices, they are single use and 100% disposable. This eliminates the risk of transferring infectious diseases such as HIV and hepatitis B and C from patient to patient due to inadequately sterilized instrumentation.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, healthcare-associated infections (HAIs)—those acquired by patients receiving treatment or healthcare professionals on the job—account for an estimated 2 million infections, 90,000 deaths and \$4.5 billion in excess health care costs annually.¹

In most cases, banding can take place during your first appointment. After all, once you know what the problem is, why wait to get relief?