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## **Gibson Area Hospital and Health Services Receives the 2025 Women's Choice Award® as one of America's Best Hospitals for Orthopedics**

**Gibson City, IL, January 2025**—Gibson Area Hospital and Health Services (GAHHS) has been recognized as one of America's Best Hospitals for Orthopedics by the [Women's Choice Award®](#). This award signifies that GAHHS is in the top 6% of 4,675 U.S. hospitals offering orthopedics services.

In a national survey conducted by the Women's Choice Award, female orthopedic patients identified the following key priorities when choosing a hospital for orthopedics:

- Single source for orthopedic services
- Solid patient safety record
- High recommendation ratings

“Women have different orthopedic needs, particularly as they grow older and become more at risk for osteoporosis, arthritis and fractures. They are also staying active much longer,” said Delia Passi, founder and CEO of the Women's Choice Award. “Being treated with the proper level of care impacts one's health, well-being, and healing, so it is critical for women to know those hospitals that have demonstrated the highest level of quality care for their patient's bone

health, with a special focus on the needs and preferences of women. We are the only award that recognizes a hospital's ability to meet women's distinctive needs."

The methodology used to select GAHHS as one of the Best Hospitals for Orthopedics is unique in that it evaluates Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) survey results along with primary research about women's healthcare preferences. Award recipients are also measured on their incidence of surgical complications and infections, including:

- A wound that splits open after surgery
- Accidental cuts and tears
- Deaths from serious treatable complications
- Rate of complications for knee or hip replacement patients
- Catheter associated urinary tract infections (CAUTI)
- Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus Aureu (MRSA) infections

A hospital must have arthroscopy, joint replacement and spine surgery orthopedic services available to patients, onsite physical therapy, and an MRI in order to qualify for the award. It is the only award recognizing excellence in orthopedics based on robust criteria that consider patient satisfaction and clinical excellence.

GAHHS is one of 299 award recipients representing the hospitals that have met the highest standards for orthopedics care in the U.S. by the Women's Choice Award.

"We are deeply honored to once again receive the Women's Choice Award for Orthopedics. We have received this award every year since 2015 and we are grateful to our patients who recognize the high level of care that the GAHHS team provides. Our GAH Orthopaedics team of providers and staff are the best of the best and continue to provide state-of-the-art care to our patients, all close to home." Robert Schmitt, CEO, Gibson Area Hospital and Health Services

For more information on the America's Best Hospitals for Orthopedics, please visit <https://womenschoiceaward.com/best-hospitals-orthopedics>

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## **ABOUT Gibson Area Hospital and Health Services**

Gibson Area Hospital and Health Services has been an independent, community-based Critical Access Hospital located in East Central Illinois since 1952. Serving Ford County and 8 neighboring counties with over 25 provider office locations throughout the service area offering robust primary and specialty care options. Our Vision is to be the model of excellence in community-based healthcare. Our Mission is to provide personalized, professional healthcare services to the residents of the communities we serve. We strive to be the heart of your hometown health, providing state-of-the-art healthcare services and facilities, close to home. For more information, visit: [www.gibsonhospital.org](http://www.gibsonhospital.org)

## **ABOUT THE WOMEN'S CHOICE AWARD®**

The Women's Choice Award for Best Hospitals™ is a trusted referral source and coveted credential that identifies the nation's best hospitals based on robust criteria that includes relevant clinical performance, patient satisfaction and appropriate accreditations. The Best Hospitals demonstrate exceptional ratings, providing the highest level of care and commitment to their patients' health and well-being. The Women's Choice Award is the only designation that takes into consideration the preferences of women when selecting a hospital. Visit <http://www.womenschoiceaward.com/> to learn more.