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**Gibson Area Hospital and Health Services Receives the 2026 Women's Choice Award® as one of America's Best Hospitals for Orthopedics**

**Gibson City, IL—1/5/2026-** 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®**, placing it among the top-performing hospitals nationwide. This designation signifies that GAHHS ranks in the **top 3%** of over **4,655 U.S. hospitals** offering orthopedic services.

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

- A single source for comprehensive orthopedic services
- A strong patient safety record
- High recommendation ratings from other patients

"Women have unique orthopedic needs, especially as they age and face increased risks for conditions like osteoporosis, arthritis, and fractures," said **Delia Passi**, founder and CEO of the Women's Choice Award. "They're also staying active longer, which makes access to high-quality orthopedic care more important than ever. Our award highlights hospitals that deliver exceptional care tailored to women's health and healing."

## Why This Matters

According to the CDC, **over 1 million women are hospitalized annually for orthopedic-related conditions**, making it essential to choose a hospital with proven outcomes and patient-centered care. The Women's Choice Award is the **only national designation** that combines **clinical excellence** with **patient satisfaction** and **women's healthcare preferences**.

## Award Criteria

The methodology used to select GAHHS includes:

- HCAHPS survey results (patients who “definitely recommend” the hospital)
- Surgical complication and infection rates, including:
  - Wound dehiscence (wounds reopening after surgery)
  - Accidental cuts and tears
  - Deaths from treatable complications
  - Complication rates for knee and hip replacements
  - CAUTI (catheter-associated urinary tract infections)
  - MRSA (methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus) infections

To qualify, hospitals must offer 5 of these 6 orthopedic services:

- Arthroscopy, joint replacement, spine surgery
- Onsite physical therapy
- MRI imaging capabilities
- Robotic Surgery

GAHHS is one of 587 **hospitals** nationwide to earn this prestigious recognition for 2026.

“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 35 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 a prestigious credential that identifies the nation's top hospitals based on rigorous criteria, including clinical performance, patient satisfaction, and relevant accreditations. Hospitals earning this designation demonstrate a strong commitment to delivering exceptional care and prioritizing the health and well-being of their patients.

As the **only award that incorporates the preferences of women** in its methodology, the Women's Choice Award empowers women to make informed healthcare decisions with confidence. In fact, **84% of women say they would trust a hospital more if it carried the Women's Choice Award seal**, making it a powerful symbol of quality and trust.

To learn more, visit [www.womenschoiceaward.com](http://www.womenschoiceaward.com).