



*Dr. Daniel Gay (center) receives the Idaho's Best 2026 Gold Award for Best Surgeon at the annual awards gala in Boise.*

★ IDAHO'S BEST 2026 • GOLD WINNER ★

# Dr. Daniel Gay Earns Gold for Best Surgeon in Idaho

*A Statewide Honor Backed by Community Trust & Patient Excellence*

*Dr. Daniel Gay has been awarded Gold — Best in State in the Surgeon category — by Idaho's Best 2026, placing him among the most trusted and highest-performing physicians across the entire state of Idaho.*

The Idaho's Best program is widely regarded as one of the state's most comprehensive and competitive "best of" awards, highlighting standout professionals, businesses, and services across hundreds of categories each year. Winning Gold in the Surgeon category statewide places Dr. Gay at the very top of his field in Idaho for 2026 — a distinction that reflects measurable community support, verified patient outcomes, and a consistent record of surgical excellence.





*Dr. Gay's and his wife Tabitha taking the stage at the Idaho's Best 2026 awards ceremony in Boise.*

◆ WHAT IDAHO'S BEST REPRESENTS ◆

Unlike many traditional awards, Idaho's Best is designed to reflect real community sentiment backed by measurable reputation data. The program emphasizes fairness, transparency, and broad participation from Idaho residents.

Each year, tens of thousands of voters and over 100,000 residents contribute nominations, votes, and reviews to determine winners. The top honor — Statewide Winner (Gold) — is the most prestigious distinction, recognizing the single highest-performing candidate in each category across the entire state.

<b>100,000+</b>	<b>Hundreds</b>	<b>1 Gold</b>
Idaho Residents Participating	Award Categories Each Year	Winner Per Category Statewide

## ◆ HOW THE IDAHO'S BEST PROCESS WORKS ◆

The Idaho's Best Awards follow a structured, multi-stage process unfolding over several months — designed to ensure that winners reflect genuine community trust rather than popularity alone.

### 1 Nominations

Idaho residents nominate professionals and businesses they trust. Participation is free, and even self-nominations are permitted.

### 2 Review & Selection of Nominees

Submissions are evaluated to ensure category fit and quality. A limited number of candidates advance based on recent online reviews and reputation.

### 3 Public Voting

Residents vote for finalists during a defined voting window (February 10–26 for 2026). Each person may vote once per category, with SMS verification safeguards to maintain integrity.

### 4 Reputation & Final Scoring

Votes are combined with Google reviews from the prior 12 months and additional validation factors — including Better Business Bureau standards — to determine final winners. This hybrid model ensures winners are consistently excellent, not simply the most popular.

## ◆ RECOGNITION BACKED BY PATIENT EXPERIENCE ◆

Dr. Gay's Gold-level recognition reflects not only strong community support but also a consistent track record of patient satisfaction. Patients frequently highlight his technical skill, communication, and outcomes in their feedback.

*“Exceptional surgeon... clear, confident, and compassionate.”*

*“Took the time to explain everything thoroughly.”*

*“Outstanding results and excellent bedside manner.”*

*“Professional, knowledgeable, and genuinely cares about patients.”*

These recurring themes — clarity, trust, and surgical excellence — align closely with the Idaho's Best scoring model, which heavily weighs real patient experiences accumulated over time.

## ◆ A STATEWIDE HONOR ◆

- ★ Strong patient reviews accumulated over the prior 12 months
- ★ Community trust demonstrated through public nomination and voting
- ★ Verified reputation metrics including BBB standards

In a program specifically designed to prevent manipulation and reward consistency, winning Gold in the Surgeon category statewide carries significant credibility — placing Dr. Gay at the very top of his field across all of Idaho for 2026.

*Celebrating Excellence in Idaho Healthcare*

The Idaho's Best Awards ceremony, held annually in Boise, brings together top professionals and businesses from across the state. Dr. Gay's recognition as Best Surgeon underscores not only individual achievement but also the broader importance of high-quality, patient-centered care in Idaho.

*For patients and peers alike, the message is clear:  
Dr. Daniel Gay's work stands out — not just in skill,  
but in the trust and outcomes that matter most.*

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