

**READERS' CHOICE**

**Simply  
 the  
 best**

Locals name  
 their favorite  
 places to eat,  
 shop and  
 do business

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2011 Readers'  
 Choice Winners

**Medical**

**Best dentist:** Dr. Richard Petrilli

**Best eye surgeon:** Dr. Konrad Filutowski

**Best general practitioner:** Dr. Nayana Vyas

**Best hospital:** Florida Hospital

**Best physical therapist:** Jewett Orthopaedic Clinic

**Best plastic surgeon:** Dr. Dennis R. Ward



*OBJ* readers named **Dr. Richard Petrilli** of Apopka as the best dentist in Central Florida. Petrilli, who practices general and cosmetic dentistry, volunteers at the Orange County Dental Research Clinic and provides free services to indigent and homeless patients during Dentistry from the Heart's annual day of free dentistry.



**Petrilli**

Readers chose **Dr. Konrad Filutowski** as the best local eye surgeon. He is the founder, chief surgeon and medical director of the Filutowski Cataract and LASIK Institute. He has offices in Orlando, Lake Mary and Daytona Beach.



**Filutowski**

For a second year in a row, **Dr. Nayana Vyas** was named the best general

practitioner in Central Florida. Vyas also was named *Orlando Business Journal's* 2010 Business Owner of the Year and volunteers as a member of Orlando Health hospital system's leadership committee.



**Vyas**

*OBJ* readers' medical needs continue to be entrusted to **Florida Hospital**, as it was named the best hospital in Central Florida. Florida Hospital opened its Nicholson Center for Surgical Advancement in Celebration in early October. The center is expected to train 20,000 surgeons annually.

**Jewett Orthopaedic Clinic**, founded in 1936, was named the best place to get physical therapy. It opened its second Orthopaedic Convenient Care Center last spring in Lake Mary, which provides walk-in treatment for minor injuries such as broken bones, sprains and strains.

For their aesthetic needs, *OBJ* readers chose **Dr. Dennis R. Ward** as the best plastic surgeon. Working from the Altamonte Springs Cosmetic Surgery Center, Ward does many procedures, including laser hair removal and tummy tucks.

— *Maria Parada*