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**Shahid Shafi, M.D. Selected for Patients' Choice Award 2011**

*Dr. Shahid Shafi has been ranked among the top physicians in the nation based on patient reviews.*

(January 24, 2012) Grapevine, TX -- A select few physicians were honored with the prestigious 2011 Patients' Choice Award, and this year they include Dr. Shahid Shafi of Surgical Group of North Texas.

Only doctors who have received top scores by their patients and pass other quality measures are awarded the Patients' Choice Award. In fact, of the nation's 720,000 active physicians, just 5 percent were accorded this honor in 2011.

Every month, millions of patients across the U.S. access websites like [Vitals.com](http://Vitals.com) to share feedback about their experiences with their doctors. Patients rate various components of the care they receive, such as the accuracy of their diagnosis, the amount of time they spent with the doctor, and the doctor's bedside manner and follow-up care. Patient's Choice ranks the top reviewed physicians and looks at other quality measures to compile its yearly list.

Dr. Shahid Shafi commented on the recognition: "This is quite an honor for me. I am very pleased to have been selected and grateful to my patients who went out of their way to rate me and give me positive reviews."

Patients' Choice provides in depth information on doctors who have been recognized and awarded for outstanding patient care and expertise. The Patients' Choice Award is the honor roll of physicians who have received the highest ratings by their patients.

Dr. Shafi has been practicing General and Robotic Surgery with Surgical Group of North Texas (SGNT) for three years. During this time, he has also been performing research for the improvement of surgical care at the Baylor Institute for Healthcare Research and Improvement.

Prior to joining SGNT, Dr. Shafi spent six years as a professor, researcher and Trauma Surgeon at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School and Parkland Memorial Hospital. He has received numerous honors and appointments during his notable career so far, including appointments to the North Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council and the Texas Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council, a founder of the American College of Surgeons Trauma Quality Program, and is a national and international speaker on key surgical issues.

To make an appointment with Dr Shafi, call 817-251-0700 or contact your primary care physician for a referral. For more details on the Surgical Group of North Texas, go to [SurgicalGroupNT.com](http://SurgicalGroupNT.com).

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