



Dr. R. Brannon Claytor Named One of America's Best Plastic Surgeons by Newsweek

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R. Brannon Claytor, MD, FACS, a board-certified plastic surgeon and founder of Claytor Plastic Surgery, has been recognized by Newsweek among America's Best Plastic Surgeons 2026 in two specialty categories: Breast Augmentation and Tummy Tuck. The recognition is based on an independent survey by Statista conducted in cooperation with Newsweek, in which thousands of medical professionals with knowledge of plastic surgery were asked to identify surgeons they consider leaders in specific procedures.

The survey, conducted between April and May 2026, collected more than 10,000 votes for plastic surgeons across the country, evaluated separately for each cosmetic procedure category. Participants also assessed quality-of-care factors?consultation experience, complication rates, follow-up care, and patient outcomes?for surgeons in their own state, and board certification by the American Board of Plastic Surgery factored into the final scoring.

For Dr. Claytor, the Tummy Tuck recognition centers on a technique he has spent much of his career

refining. The Drainless Tummy Tuck is his proprietary approach to abdominoplasty that removes the need for external surgical drains, a standard fixture of traditional tummy tuck recovery. Rather than relying on drains to manage fluid buildup beneath the skin after surgery, the technique uses an internal suturing method to close that space directly—a technique documented in Dr. Claytor's own published in Aesthetic Surgery Journal titled Drainless Lipoabdominoplasty Using Progressive Tension Sutures, Scarpa's Fascia Preservation, and Minimal Cautery in 350 Consecutive Cases.

"Drains have long been one of the most dreaded parts of tummy tuck recovery for patients," said Dr. Claytor. "Removing that step, without compromising the safety or precision of the procedure, has made a meaningful difference in how patients move through their recovery."

The recognition also reflects clinical research and international teaching that extend beyond Dr. Claytor's own operating room. In late 2025, Dr. Claytor published in the Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Journal a 200-patient study titled Awake Rejuvenation with the Deep Plane Face Lift and Extended Deep Neck Contouring in which Dr. Claytor demonstrates the exceptional results that can be achieved under tumescent anesthesia rather than general anesthesia. Dr. Claytor serves as chief of plastic Surgery at Main Line Health, a Board Member and Co-Program Director of The Aesthetic Society and as a peer reviewer for The Aesthetic Surgery Journal, and has taught nationally and internationally, including presentations to the Brazilian Society of Plastic Surgery and at Plastic Surgery The Meeting and ABAM.

"Plastic surgery moves forward when surgeons are willing to publish their outcomes and put their techniques in front of colleagues who will ask hard questions," Dr. Claytor said. "That exchange, which often happens at national and international meetings, is where the real progress comes from."

Dr. Claytor has practiced in the Philadelphia region for more than a decade, building Claytor Plastic Surgery into one of the area's most recognized practices. He has received recognition from Castle Connolly, Philadelphia Magazine, Main Line Today, NewBeauty and USA Today, and in 2024 received The Aesthetic Society's Tiffany Award for Best Scientific Presentation.

"Being named for two separate procedures speaks to how consistently our team focuses on outcomes across every category we treat, not just one signature technique," Dr. Claytor said. "I see it as a reflection of the standards the whole practice holds itself to, from the operating room to the research we publish."

About Claytor Noone Plastic Surgery

Claytor Noone Plastic Surgery, led by board-certified plastic surgeon Dr. R. Brannon Claytor, provides

surgical and non-surgical aesthetic treatments in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. A double board-certified plastic surgeon with more than 20 years of experience, Dr. Claytor is recognized internationally for his research and technique development, including the Drainless Tummy Tuck, the awake deep plane facelift, the endoscopic Ponytail Facelift, and the LaMiNa facial rejuvenation technique. The practice operates a private, AAAHC-accredited surgical suite and serves patients throughout the Philadelphia Main Line and beyond. For more information, visit the practice's website.

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Dr. R. Brannon Claytor of Claytor Noone Plastic Surgery is a nationally-recognized, board-certified plastic surgeon serving Philadelphia and the Main Line. He is committed to providing his patients with cutting-edge care that yields exceptional results.

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