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Kingston Hospital questions child-bearing age women

KINGSTON — The Kingston Hospital is surveying women in Ulster and Dutchess Counties for input on obstetrical services. The 60-question survey will appear in the Sunday Life section of the Daily Freeman, is directed at women age 15 to 50 regardless of whether they have had a child.

Under the direction of Pat Camillo, a clinical nurse specialist and director of the Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies program, the Maternity

Options for Mothers survey is seeking opinions on general policies, quality and type of medical and nursing care, physical appearance and the general scope of services being sought in obstetrical units.

"It has always been the physician who has made all the decisions concerning obstetrical care," Camillo said. "But the truth is, they don't really know what women want. Do women want labor and delivery in the same bed? In the same room? With the father present?"

"We are in the age of participatory health care where the patient is demanding and expecting more. We want to assess our obstetrical unit to know what women want and how to provide that."

Although the Mom survey is directed to women of child-bearing age, medical staff, hospital employees and former patients will also be questioned.

Camillo said she hopes many people respond to the survey. "The hospital is really asking for people to tell them what they want and they are committed to following through with the results (of the survey)," she said. "This is a chance for consumers to help develop a change."

Consumer input is needed because of the drastic changes in the obstetrical field, Camillo said.

"It used to be that women had no say in what was going on. They were told what to do. Then, when the time came for changes, women were not asked what they wanted. It's about time women responded," she said.

Deadline for the survey is July 27.

West Point's Eisenhower Theater season features Broadway's 'Cats'

WEST POINT — Five Broadway plays, two major orchestras, international dance companies, an ice show, and the big apple circus headline the 1986-87 Performing Arts Season at West Point's Eisenhower Hall Theater.

The season opens on Sept. 11 with three performances of Andrew Lloyd Webber's long-running musical hit "Cats" which is still playing on Broadway. Other Broadway attraction includes "Jesus Christ Superstar" on Oct.

the magical Nutcracker on Dec. 13. Magician Harry Blackstone returns to Eisenhower Hall Theater on March 13 and when the Big Apple Circus presents six performances on Aug. 29, 30 and 31.

New this season is Festival on Ice, scheduled for four performances on Feb. 6, 7 and 8. The stage of Eisenhower Hall Theater will be transformed into a small ice arena as Olympic Gold Medalist Scott Hamilton and World Figure Skating Champions Tai