



St. Francis Hospital - The Heart Center® Serves the Community

St. Francis Hospital - The Heart Center® conducts an ongoing **Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) Survey**. The purpose is to identify the health needs of the community and to address them as necessary. **This is a summary of what has been going on at St. Francis Hospital - The Heart Center®**

All of our patients, their friends and neighbors are welcome to participate in our CHNA survey! The Survey can be easily accessed online at www.stfrancisheartcenter.com

Partnering with community-based organizations is the most effective way to determine how the health priorities will be addressed. Some of these organizations include: the Nassau County Department of Health and other hospitals in Nassau County, Island Harvest, United Way of Long Island and local affiliates of the American Heart Association, American Diabetes Association and the American Cancer Society.

This community collaboration team then develops its implementation plan whereby all community-based organizations pool their resources and determine which agencies can address which health priorities.

The results of these CHNA Surveys of 2012 & 2013 identified the following areas of health concern in our community: *cancer, diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, obesity and nutrition.* Consequentially, the chosen health priorities were: *chronic disease prevention, vaccine-preventable disease prevention and obesity reduction.*

As a result, St. Francis Hospital -The Heart Center® is continuing its work towards eliminating and reducing:

- a) **Chronic disease** by providing: numerous preventive health & fitness classes at low or no cost; free student athlete cardiac screenings; free preventive health screenings for cholesterol, blood pressure and glucose via our mobile outreach bus and other local venues easily accessed by public transportation throughout our communities; the Oncology Center opened in 2013;
- b) **Vaccine-preventable diseases** by expanding free flu vaccine programs in our community;
- c) **Obesity and Nutrition** - Body Mass Index (BMI) and waist circumference measurement was added to free community-based screenings; the Bariatric Surgery Department opened in 2013; Certified Diabetes Educator and Nutritionist hired in 2013 to expand nutrition and diabetes programs to serve our communities needs.

Individuals found to be in need of further care will be referred to either their primary care doctor or to the Catholic Health Services/St. Francis Hospital's Bishop McHugh Health Center for medical management and treatment. For those who lack access to care and the means to afford it please note that Bishop McHugh Health Center provides medical care free of cost to the community. They can be reached at 516-827-2727 and their address is 750 South Broadway, Hicksville, NY 11801 and is easily accessed by public transportation.

By filling out our CHNA Survey online at the link above, your input towards our Community Health Needs Assessment will help St. Francis to continue to develop ways to better serve the community. We thank you for your time!