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**HIGH-TECH MANNEQUIN SIMULATOR ENHANCES TRAINING
OF LABOR AND DELIVERY STAFF**

Belleville – St. Elizabeth's Hospital is using a high-tech mannequin to provide hands-on training to nurses and physicians in the OB Department during three days of simulated drills, beginning June 18, 2009.

The device is the NOELLE™ S575, a mannequin that can be programmed to simulate a variety of life-threatening, but rare, childbirth scenarios. It is the only training device of its kind available to healthcare professionals in the southern Illinois area.

Manufactured by Gaumard Scientific, the life-sized doll of a pregnant woman and a newborn are connected to a computer-operated, motorized system that can create scenarios of delivering a breech baby, having seizures, blood loss, emergency C-section, and more. The specific drills being held at St. Elizabeth's are directed towards OB hemorrhage preparedness that will meet the

Illinois state criteria.

“This is a safe environment where our perinatal teams can enhance their skills during these rare emergency situations,” said Margie Darr, Nurse Manager of the Mother Child Center at St. Elizabeth’s Hospital. “The goal of this ongoing training is to use technology to improve outcomes and reduce risks to our patients.” She added that the simulator also records procedure data so debriefing and evaluation can take place after the delivery.

NOELLE was obtained through a \$35,000 grant received by Scott Air Force Base physicians and will be permanently housed at St. Elizabeth’s Hospital for future training.

For more information or to observe a training session, contact Kelly Barbeau at 618-234-2120, ext. 1270.

About St. Elizabeth’s Hospital St. Elizabeth's Hospital, in Belleville, IL, maintains a Gold Seal of approval from the Joint Commission. The hospital was founded by the Hospital Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis in 1875. Today, we continue their mission: to provide care for the sick and needy with a spirit of respect, care, competence and joy. St. Elizabeth’s Hospital provides over \$44 million of uncompensated benefits and services for the poor, elderly, disabled and broader community in general. For more information please contact Kelly Barbeau at 618.234.2120, extension 1270.

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