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### **Great care**

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To the editor:

A week ago Saturday I had a momentary scare which fortunately turned out to be not all that serious: I fainted at a gathering, the superb EMS women from Catskill checked me out, and it was decided I should be taken to the Emergency Room at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Hudson.

We've lived in Columbia County for forty years. To newcomers, we're pioneers, to locals who've lived here for generations, we are ourselves newcomers. I remember when we first came here the Hudson hospital was looked on with dread; the rumor was: bad doctors, poor facilities, a fearsome place to enter. I remember back then a druggist in town warned that I should never go there. Unfortunately that's still the way it's looked on by many who've lived here the longest.

That Saturday night I was delighted to find that things have changed very much for the better at Columbia Memorial. I was given the very best of care by a conscientious, highly capable and caring doctors and medical staff and the facilities are as clean and as modern as you could wish.

Lets face it, going into any hospital is never like going on vacation. It's a nervous time and everyone is to some degree frightened. But if you've got to go, go with the best.

I would like to thank all who cared for me during my stay, and I would hope that any time any of you are faced with a problem, you'll head for Columbia Memorial with confidence that you'll be treated as well there as you would be in any other hospital.

Stay healthy.