



Mirage® Vista™ nasal mask

## My Favorite Masks

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I have used the Mirage® Vista™ nasal mask successfully with the PLV®-100 volume ventilator and the LTV®950 (in both volume and pressure modes). The Vista's soft floating air-filled surface does a good job of preventing air leaks as well as totally eliminating any redness caused by pressure.

During the past two years, I have also used the Mirage® Vista™ successfully with the BiPAP® Synchrony (I:E pressures 18/4). As a daytime alternative, I also use the Swift™ nasal pillows with the Synchrony. The Swift nasal interface is small, and although I cannot apply it by myself, I can adjust it. It causes no skin pressure, seals adequately, and enables me to comfortably watch television. In fact, both the Swift™ and the Synchrony are so comfortable that I always fall asleep within minutes, missing the program I intend to watch. ▲

### BiPAP® Synchrony

(available outside USA)

#### PLV®-100

Respironics Philips

[www.respironics.com](http://www.respironics.com)

### Mirage® Vista™ nasal mask Swift™ LT nasal pillows

ResMed Corp.

[www.resmed.com](http://www.resmed.com)

### LTV®950

Pulmonetic Systems, Inc./

VIASYS Healthcare Inc./

Cardinal Health

[www.viasyshealthcare.com/ltv/](http://www.viasyshealthcare.com/ltv/)

## Forrest Bird Honored

During the recent meeting of the American College of Chest Physicians, inventor and scientist Dr. Forrest M. Bird was honored with the establishment of the "Forrest M. Bird, MD, PhD, ScD, Endowment in Mechanical Ventilation." The endowment will support innovation and education in the field of mechanical ventilation for clinicians and their patients.

Dr. Bird, recognized for developing the first mass-produced mechanical ventilators for acute and chronic cardiopulmonary care, invented one of the first modern respirators in the 1950s. The Bird Universal Medical Respirator was sold under the trade name Bird Mark 7 Respirator. After that first invention, Dr. Bird continued his work to improve mechanical ventilation and designed the "Babybird," an infant ventilator that reduced infant mortality due to respiratory complications. His TBird ventilator series is still on the market. ▲

CBS's show "60 Minutes" featured Dr. Bird in a segment in 2007. Go to [www.cbsnews.com/stories/2007/10/05/60minutes/main3334433.shtml](http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2007/10/05/60minutes/main3334433.shtml)



Dr. Forrest Bird at CHEST 2008 receiving congratulations from Diana Guth, RRT, Home Respiratory Care, Los Angeles.