## Watch Out for... Wrong Facemasks during Non-Invasive Ventilation

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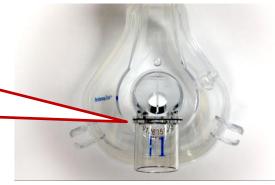
## What Happened?

A patient in ICU was started on NIV using the Trilogy ventilator and a "blue" mask without an antiasphyxia valve.



Blue mask without anti-asphyxia valve Suitable for Servo-i ventilator

Fortunately the problem was identified before any failure of the Trilogy ventilator. The mask was changed for the correct type with an anti-asphyxia valve.



Clear mask with anti-asphyxia valve Suitable for Trilogy ventilator

## The Facts:

- Clear facemasks with an anti-asphyxia valve must always be used with the Trilogy ventilator. This is to prevent suffocation if the machine fails.
- Blue facemasks without an anti-asphyxia valve are for use with the Servo-i ventilator. These are needed because of the different circuit on the Servo-i.

## **Protect Your Patients:**

- Always check you have the correct type of mask before starting non-invasive ventilation.
- If your patient is struggling on non-invasive ventilation, think: "is this the correct mask?"