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Doctor Forest Bird, inventor of the Medical Respirator, to visit Doctors Hospital

September 12, 2007; Augusta, GA: Forest M. Bird, MD, PhD, ScD, will visit the Doctors Hospital campus on Monday, September 24th between 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Dr. Bird learned to fly with the encouragement of his father and was flying solo by the age of 14. He served the US Army as a Jet and Helicopter pilot. Later he coupled his medical education with his aeronautical knowledge to excel in areas of aeromedical technology. Dr. Bird invented the first highly reliable, low-cost, mass-produced medical respirator in 1956 known as the Bird Mark 7[®] Respirator or “the Bird.” His BABYbird[®] reduced infant mortality of neonates with IRDS by 60% within the first few years of its introduction in 1969. He also contributed to Cardiopulmonary Care with the Intrapulmonary Percussive Ventilation (IPV[®]). Dr. Bird was inducted into the “US Inventors Hall of Fame” in 1995.

Dr. Bird will be attending breakfast and a “Meet and Greet” with Doctors Hospital physicians from 8:00 to 8:30a.m., followed by a tour of the Joseph M. Still Burn Center. He will then tour the hospital with Dr. Carmel Joseph in the ICU. From 10:00 until 11:00 he will speak to hospital staff and area students on pulmonary disease in Classroom 1 of Medical Office Building 1.

For more information on Doctors Hospital Respiratory Therapy, please contact George Lantz at 706.651.6562. If you would like other information, or to schedule an interview call Erin Lively at 706.533.1022.

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