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Patent ductus arteriosus (PDA) is a medical condition in which the ductus arteriosus fails to close after birth: this allows a portion of oxygenated blood from the left heart to flow back to the lungs by flowing from the aorta, which has a higher pressure, to the pulmonary artery. The ductus arteriosus is a blood vessel that connects the pulmonary artery (main vessel supplying the blood to the lungs) to the aorta (main vessel supplying the blood to the body). Patent ductus arteriosus (PDA) occurs in 5-10% of all congenital heart defects, excluding premature infants. PDAs are very common in preterm babies and can have significant physiological effects. It is important to recognise that PDA in the preterm infant and PDA in term babies and older children. Patent ductus arteriosus (PDA) is a condition in which the ductus arteriosus does not close. The word "patent" means open. The ductus arteriosus is a blood vessel that allows blood to go around the baby's lungs before birth., Patent Ductus Arteriosus.

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