

# ductus arteriosus

## Definition

n. a blood vessel in a fetus that bypasses pulmonary circulation by connecting the pulmonary artery directly to the ascending aorta; normally closes at birth

## Example Sentence

The **ductus arteriosus** normally closes after birth.

## Synonyms

blood vessel; fetus blood vessel; connects pulmonary artery to the aorta

## Antonyms

toe nail

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