

What is PDA, and how do you treat it?

“So premature babies, one of the most common things they'll have is something we call a PDA or Patent Ductus Arteriosus. And with that there's a connection that is open before a baby is born between two of the major blood vessels, and that connection should close after birth. In premature babies, because they weren't quite ready to be born yet, that connection sometimes doesn't close, and it leads to a lot of problems with their lungs and with their heart. And so, we can do medicine sometimes and help it close or occasionally we'll need to do surgery so that we can close it so the babies can continue to grow and develop normally.”