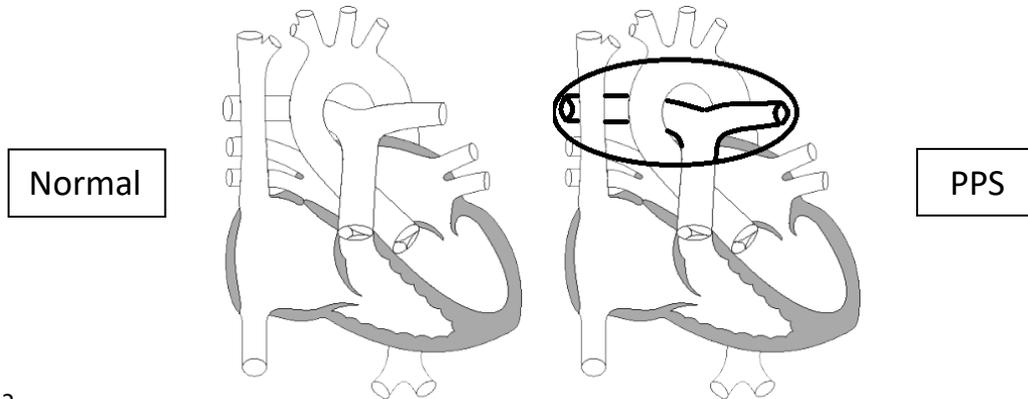


Physiologic Pulmonary Branch Stenosis (PPS)



What is PPS?

This is a speeding up of the blood as it passes through the lung blood vessels of an infant. These blood vessels are small (but the correct size for the baby) and have a slightly sharper angle than in older children. As these vessels grow with the baby the blood will slow down to a normal speed. This is diagnosed after a murmur (extra sound from the heart) is heard and an Echocardiogram (ultrasound of the heart) is performed. Since murmurs can be heard in normal hearts it is more important that you know what was found on Echocardiogram, rather than there is a murmur.

What is the treatment of PPS?

PPS is expected to resolve with time, usually in the first 6 months.

What are signs I should be aware of for my baby?

No symptoms are expected but a murmur will be heard when someone listens to the heart.

When should I follow-up?

Your Provider or Hospital should schedule your appointment and provide you with the information. You may also contact our office for information. If you call our office keep in mind newborns may be listed under the mother's name.

What if I have more questions?

You may call our office and ask for a sooner appointment or if you are in the hospital you may notify your Provider that you would like to speak with the Cardiologist.

For information on what to expect at your appointment or more information about our practice we invite you to check out our website

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