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Congenital heart diseases are abnormalities of cardiac structure that are present from birth. Such developmental abnormalities of the heart typically arise in the third to eighth week of gestation. The first operation for congenital heart disease was patent ductus arteriosus (PDA) ligation by Gross in 1938. With the development of neonatal CPB, improved myocardial protection and microsurgical techniques, an increasing number of corrective and palliative operations are possible.

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