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All scientific work is incomplete whether it be observational or experimental.

All scientific work is liable to be upset or modified by advancing knowledge.

That does not confer upon us a freedom to ignore the knowledge we already have, or to postpone the action that it appears to demand at a given time.

A Bradford Hill, 1965

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LIST OR ABREVIATIONS

ACA	Anterior cerebral artery
ACC	Aortocaval compression syndrome
BAS	Balloon atrial septostomy
BS	Brain-sparing
C	Propagation speed of sound in the medium
C/U	Cerebral/umbilical
CAI	Color amplitude imaging
CDE	Color Doppler energy
CHD	Congenital heart disease
CO	Cardiac output
CPR	Cerebral umbilical ratio
CVO	Combined ventricular output
CW	Continuous wave
DV	Ductus venosus
EDF	End-diastolic flow
$\mathbf{F_d}$	Doppler shift frequency
FGR	Fetal growth restriction
FHR	Fetal heart rate
FO	Foramen ovale
$\mathbf{F_r}$	Received frequency
$\mathbf{F_t}$	Transmitted frequency
FVWs	Flow velocity waveforms
HLH	Hypoplastic left heart
ICA	Internal carotid artery
IUGR	Intrauterine growth restriction
IVC	Inferior vena cava
LCIA&V	Left common iliac artery and vein
LV	Left ventricle
MCA	Middle cerebral artery
NST	Non-stress tests
OCT	Oxygen challenge test
PDA	Patent ductus arteriosus
PFC	Persistent fetal circulation
PI	Pulsatility index