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# Peripheral arterial disease (PAD)

National Diabetes Information Clearinghouse (NDIC)

## Definitions

### Blood vessels

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### Stroke

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### Heart attack

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## Source

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Also called **peripheral vascular disease**; a condition in which the large **blood vessels** of the legs are narrowed or blocked by fatty deposits, decreasing blood flow to the legs and feet. PAD increases the chances of amputation, **heart attack**, and **stroke**.