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## ROLE OF INDIAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS - ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT CONCEPTS IN IDENTIFYING SICK CHILDREN IN A BUSY CLINIC

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**Abstract:** *A child who requires an urgent medical intervention to prevent further decompensation is commonly referred to as a 'sick child'. In a busy clinic, physicians often face the challenge of identifying a sick child amongst a multitude of patients seeking care. The Advance Life Support concepts play a vital role in providing them with the necessary clinical acumen and triaging skills to identify and manage a sick child effectively. This article reviews existing literature on managing office emergencies and describes how Indian Academy of Pediatrics-Advance Life Support principles can be useful to quickly identify outpatient clinic/office emergencies.*

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### Points to Remember

- *Conduct a self-assessment of your office preparedness.*
- *Develop a comprehensive office emergency plan that includes a protocol for recognizing emergencies, effective staff communication, clearly defined roles and responsibilities during emergencies, and guidelines for calling for external assistance if needed.*
- *Regularly maintain and update the recommended emergency equipment and medications in your office.*
- *Implement a plan for ongoing education and training of staff in IAP-BLS protocol.*
- *Practise mock codes and skill drills regularly; establish partnership with the nearest hospital or facility.*

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