The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Problem List provides health care professionals with the resource they need to easily document the development and resolution of issues related to acute and chronic illnesses. Its simple format allows the user to clearly document the onset date for chronic and acute problems, as well as the date the issue is resolved. Substantial space is allotted for description and the user is provided a column for numeric identification of each problem, making it easy to reference and establish patterns in a patient’s health status.

The Problem List is best used in conjunction with the entire AAP collection of documentation products. It is referenced on the well-child Visit Documentation Forms as well as the Problem Visit form. This unique feature helps prevent duplication, increasing the health care practitioner’s efficiency during visits. While the electronic medical record will be the future for most medical practices, this Problem List provides a clear, concise way for practitioners to meet their current documentation needs.

Additional resources included in the AAP Visit Documentation Forms collection include:
- Initial History Questionnaire
- Medication Record
- Problem Visit
- Individual forms for each recommended well-child visit from 1 week to 21 years of age

Also available from the AAP:
- Vaccine Administration Record
Separates chronic from acute problems.

Rapid review of child’s visit pattern guides further evaluations.

The recommendations in this publication do not indicate an exclusive course of treatment or serve as a standard of medical care. Variations, taking into account individual circumstances, may be appropriate.