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# **I-PASS: A system for patient handoffs**

- Starmer AJ et al. Pediatrics 2012; 129: 201-4.
- I-PASS, a Mnemonic to Standardize Verbal Handoffs
  - I: Illness Severity
  - P: Patient Summary
  - A: Action List
  - S: Situation Awareness and Contingency Planning
  - S: Synthesis by Receiver

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- I-PASS--a validated system of patient handoffs
- Goal--*shared* "mental model" of the patient in current context
- I-PASS is incorporated into ORCHID, the new EHR for LA County, and will be an on-line tool for patient handoffs.

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## A: Action List

- To do list
  - specific elements
  - timeline
  - level of priority
- If no action items, specify “nothing to do”

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- Situation awareness = What is going on around you
- Contingency planning = Preparation for potential events or outcomes with specific instructions

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## **S1: Situation Awareness/Contingency Planning**

- What might go wrong?
  - Interventions that have/have not worked
  - Identify resources and chain of command
- Code status

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## **S1: Situation Awareness/Contingency Planning**

- Base on receiver's
  - experience
  - knowledge of disease process,
  - familiarity with service and/or patient

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- S2: Synthesis by Receiver
  - Brief re-statement of essential information
  - Demonstrates information received and understood
  - Goal: *A shared mental model*



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