

American Academy of Pediatrics says heart problems in kids have been underestimated

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MONDAY, Oct. 29 (HealthDay News) -- The emergency defibrillators now commonly found in airports and other public places that have saved thousands of adult cardiac arrest victims can also save the lives of children.

That's the new position of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), which is reminding its members -- and other physicians as well -- that the devices can safely be used on children younger than 8 years old.

"As AED [automated external defibrillator] programs expand, pediatricians must advocate on behalf of children so that their needs are accounted for," said an AAP policy statement in the November issue of Pediatrics. The statement was released Monday during the American Academy of Pediatrics annual meeting in San Francisco.



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