

## INFORMED CONSENT

The lingual frenectomy/frenotomy is a minor surgical procedure that involves clipping and/or lasering the band of tissue located on the underside of the tongue (frenum or frenulum). When this band is too tight, too short or both, normal tongue movement is prevented.

The treatment may accomplish the following, but not be limited to:

- Allow the tongue to move in a greater range of motion
- Possibly improve breastfeeding comfort & efficiency
- Possibly reduce the severity of speech difficulties

Complications of this treatment may include, but not be limited to:

- Excessive bleeding
- Damage to the vital structures under the tongue
- No perceivable benefit may be achieved

The labial frenectomy/frenotomy is a minor surgical procedure to free the lip attachment from the gums when it is too tight and/or too short. It can restrict proper lip movement and flexibility.

The treatment may accomplish the following, but not be limited to:

- Allow adequate lip flange to improve breastfeeding effectiveness
- Reduce the pockets on either side of the frenum to prevent food trapping
- Give the upper lip more freedom of movement for speech sounds
- Possible reduction in reflux/aerophagia

Complications of this treatment may include, but not be limited to:

- Excessive bleeding
- Lip muscle damage
- No perceivable benefit may be achieved

Please note that this treatment is NOT intended to prevent a gap between the upper front teeth. If that is the goal, it may need retreatment in the future.

\_\_\_\_\_ I accept treatment

\_\_\_\_\_ I decline treatment

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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