

Frenectomy "Tongue/Lip Tie"

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



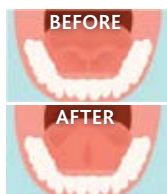
The "frenum" refers to a piece of soft skin tissue connected to the lips and gums. If the frenum is too short or too tight, it can interfere with breastfeeding, swallowing, or speech. It can also hinder dental development and makes it hard to fully clean the gums and front teeth.

With a simple laser procedure, we can remove this connective tissue. The procedure is minimally invasive, mildly painful and quick to heal.

TWO TYPES OF FRENECTOMY PROCEDURES

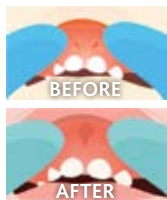
Lingual Frenectomy - "Tongue Tie"

The lingual frenum connects your tongue to your mouth. If you touch your tongue to the roof of your mouth, you can probably feel the lingual frenum stretching underneath your tongue.



Maxillary Frenectomy - "Lip Tie"

The labial frenum connects your top lip to the gum area right above your front teeth. A maxillary frenectomy can give the upper lip more mobility.



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Dr. Ethan Puryear was born and raised in Wadesboro, NC. He holds a history degree from NC State University and biology degree from the University of NC, Greensboro. After graduating from NC State, he worked full-time for the YMCA of the Triangle in youth programs where he developed a passion for working with children. Dr. Ethan also spent time on the crystal coast of North Carolina working at Camps Seafarer and Sea Gull. He is known for his quick wit, song leading skills, and ability to create fun wherever he goes.



Dr. Ethan completed both his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree and his specialty training in Pediatric Dentistry at VCU. During this time, he was very involved with Give a Kid a Smile, early childhood dental education, and the M.O.M. project. He also worked with the Child Health Investment Partnership of Roanoke Valley. Dr. Ethan is a board-certified Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry, member of the American Dental Association, Virginia Dental Association, and American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry.

Dr. Puryear has advanced training in Frenectomy procedures. His training in the use of lasers to perform the procedure in a minimally invasive way produces positive results for your child.

LOCATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

M-F: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, closed for major holidays

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