



## MEET OUR DOCTORS

In 2016, our ABPD board certified pediatric dentists, Dr. Delarosa, Dr. Comeaux, Dr. Sigsworth and Dr. Leroux, became Standard Proficiency Certified by the Academy of Laser Dentistry and began treating patients for tongue and lip tie laser procedures. In 2022, Dr. Leroux obtained a second board certification by the American Board of Laser Surgery with a specialty designation in Pediatric and Special Patient Care Laser Dentistry.

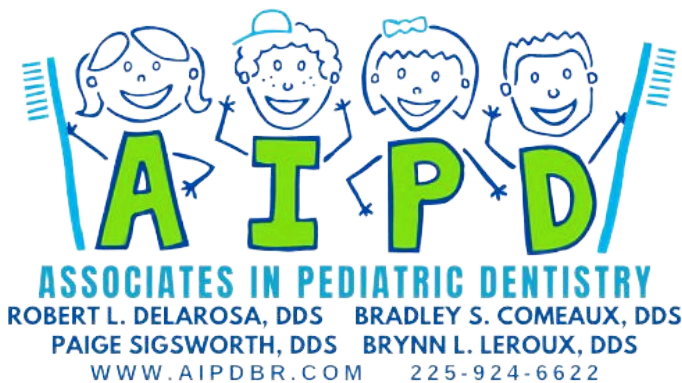
### MEMBERS OF THE:

- American Board of Pediatric Dentistry
- American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
- American Dental Association
- Academy of Laser Dentistry
- A recommended provider of the Louisiana Tongue Tie Support Group
- International Consortium Of Ankylofrenula Professionals \*
- American Laser Study Club \*

\*Dr. Leroux

## AT AIPD WE OFFER:

- A multidisciplinary team approach to make revision a success.
- A kind, compassionate, and knowledgeable team of providers to make you and your little one comfortable.
- Multiple different analgesic/ anesthetic options to help with any discomfort during the procedure.
- Any level of sedation needed to safely complete the procedure.
- A private nursing room for you and your little one.



# LASER LIP AND TONGUE TIE PROCEDURES



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The use of lasers in pediatric dentistry has become increasingly popular in recent years. Soft tissue lasers are commonly used to release tethered oral tissues (TOTS), including lip, cheek, and/or tongue ties, to improve feeding and swallowing problems in both infants and children. They may also be used to remove excessive tissue (often to facilitate orthodontic treatment) and TOTS in adolescents, teenagers, and adults. When laser procedures are completed using proper recommended safety precautions, it is safe, quick, and void of any known complications. There is no known contraindication for tongue, cheek, or lip tie laser procedures in a healthy patient.



## SYMPTOMS ASSOCIATED WITH LIP AND/OR TONGUE TIES

### Infant Symptoms:

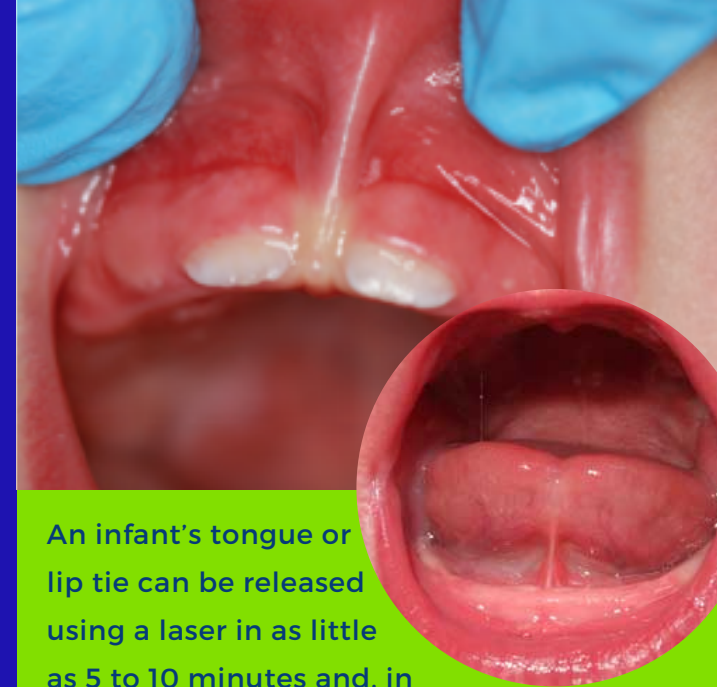
- Nursing ulcer/chapped lips
- Clicking or gulping sounds while nursing
- Gumming/chewing nipples
- Chokes/gags easily
- Milk dribbling
- Frequent release and relatch
- Shallow latch
- Long nursing sessions
- Falls asleep mid feed
- Cluster feeding
- Colic/gas/reflux
- Poor weight gain or weight loss
- Unable to hold a pacifier

### Symptoms of mother:

- Painful, inefficient latch
- Thrush/mastitis
- Decreased milk supply
- Cracked, blistered, bleeding nipples
- Breast don't fully empty

## SIGNS ASSOCIATED WITH FEEDING OR SWALLOWING PROBLEMS IN CHILDREN:

- Problems chewing
- Choking/gagging/vomiting foods
- Persistent food fads
- Refusing to eat
- Speech delays/inaccuracies
- Poor oral hygiene, dental decay
- Orthodontic instability
- Sleep disordered breathing
- Behavior problems



An infant's tongue or lip tie can be released using a laser in as little as 5 to 10 minutes and, in most cases, with little to no anesthesia required. This allows your infant to breastfeed immediately following the procedure. Typically, there is little to no bleeding and only minimal discomfort following the procedure. Older children may require local anesthesia and/or some level of sedation in addition to topical numbing gel to ensure their comfort and safety during the procedure.

