

The use of lasers in pediatric dentistry has become increasingly popular in recent years. Soft tissue lasers are commonly used to release tethered oral tissue (TOTS), including lip 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 (including working in a laser safety zone and using laser safety glasses on everyone in the treatment area), it is safe, quick, and void of any known complications. There is no known contraindication for tongue or lip tie laser procedures in a healthy patient.



AND/OR TONGUE TIES

Infant Symptoms:

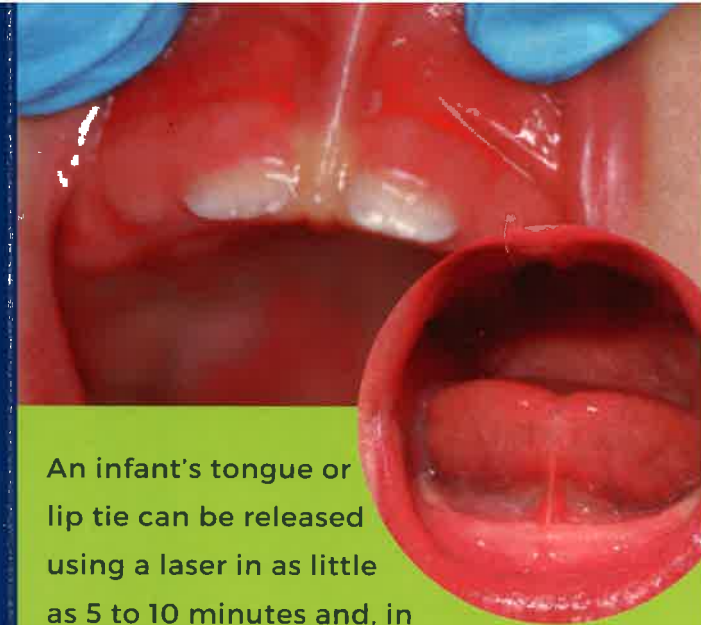
- Nursing ulcer/chapped lips
- Clicking or gulping sounds while nursing
- Gumming/chewing nipples
- Chokes/gags easily
- Milk dribbling
- Frequent release and relatch
- Shallow latch
- Long nursing sessions
- Falls asleep mid feed
- Cluster feeding
- Colic/gas/reflux
- Poor weight gain or weight loss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





MEET OUR DOCTORS

In 2016, our board certified pediatric dentists became Standard Proficiency Certified by the Academy of Laser Dentistry and began treating patients at our Baton Rouge location for tongue and lip tie laser procedures.

MEMBERS OF THE:

- American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
- American Dental Association
- Academy of Laser Dentistry
- A recommended provider of the Louisiana Tongue Tie Support Group

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.
- A highly effective topical anesthetic 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.



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