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Neonatal and Infant Tongue Tie Release: Diagnosis and Treatment

Introducing The Peel Technique® - A New Paradigm in Pediatric Tongue Tie Treatment

COURSE OUTLINE

This course includes a certified lactation consultant, a critically important part of the tongue tie release team.

In this combination lecture and hands-on course, attendees will be introduced to the concept of laser frenectomies, an increasingly popular method by which dentists and physicians can treat tongue and lip ties in their patients.

5% or more of the babies born in the United States have such tight tongue-ties and frenum pulls that they cannot successfully latch onto their mother's nipple and breastfeed. For the baby, serious consequences include loss of weight and the label of "failure to thrive". For the mother, this results in sore and cracked nipples, mastitis, painful engorgement and post-partum depression due to an inability to

nurse her baby. This has classically been treated by a physician taking a scalpel or a pair of scissors to the newborn's mouth and cutting the attachment. The treatment of choice, however, is for a dentist to use laser technology to painlessly, bloodlessly remove the attachment, allowing the infant to immediately nurse.

Though many practitioners perform tongue-tie release, few are trained in the PEEL Technique®. This technique ensures that the 4 movements the tongue must make in order to nurse successfully can be performed: **P**eristalsis, **E**levation, **E**xtension, **L**ateralization.

Learning Objectives:

- Accumulate all of the required data via history intake forms
- Perform a clinical examination to arrive at the correct diagnosis
- Evaluate when this procedure should be done
- Perform the procedure using laser technology
- Network with lactation consultants, pediatricians, neonatologists, and the rest of the medical team
- Grow your practice of neonatal dentistry

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Hands-On:

The HANDS-ON portion of the program will be performed on tissue samples and pig jaws and includes complete instruction on performing lip and tongue tie releases. Each attendee of the course will perform releases on animal jaws.

This course is recommended for:

1. General dentists, periodontists, oral surgeons, and pediatric dentists
2. Pediatricians, family practitioners, neonatologists, obstetricians, pediatric otolaryngologists, pediatric gastroenterologists, and more
3. Chiropractors
4. Nurse practitioners
5. Speech and language pathologists, lactation consultants, doulas and birth counselors

At the conclusion of the course, participants will:

- Be able to diagnose anterior and posterior tongue ties
- Understand the criteria for treating tongue and lip ties
- Know the advantages of the PEEL Technique® over other techniques
- Understand which laser wavelengths are most appropriate for performing tongue and lip tie releases

An American Board of Laser Surgery Certification Program Candidates who successfully complete this course will receive a Certificate in Pediatric Tongue Tie and Lip Tie Diagnosis and Treatment recognized by the American Board of Laser Surgery, the only Medical Certifying Board in the world dedicated to Lasers and Light Energy in Medicine and Dentistry



Dr. Robert Convissar is a pioneer in the field of laser dentistry. One of the first dentists in the world to incorporate lasers into general practice he has over 32 years of experience with CO2, Diode, Erbium, and Nd:YAG wavelengths. He has authored over fifteen peer-reviewed papers and 7 laser textbooks.

An international lecturer from New York to London to Sydney to Tokyo to Dubai, and everywhere in between, he has delivered close to 400 Laser Certification and Laser Tongue Tie Certification courses worldwide. He practices laser-assisted dentistry in New York City.

He is the only dentist in the world to have the triad of awards:

- Diplomate of the American Board of Laser Surgery
- Fellow of the American Society of Laser Medicine and Surgery
- Master of the Academy of Laser Dentistry

As well as being a Fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry His seminal textbook *Principles and Practice of Laser Dentistry*, now in its 2nd edition, has been the standard textbook on laser dentistry for over a decade translated into Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, and Chinese, with more editions pending. He is the co-author of *Color Atlas of Tongue Tie and Lip Tie Laser Frenectomy* – the first textbook in the world on the subject.

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