

SOUTHERN MARYLAND DENTAL SOCIETY PRESENTS

2 Day Hands-on
Course
14 CE credits

Pediatric Tongue- and Lip-Ties: Diagnosis and Treatment with Soft-Tissue Lasers (Hands-On Course)

AGD Codes 135, 434

R. John Mechak, DDS Educational Facility
4920 Niagara Road Suites 306 College Park, MD 20740

Date: Sat, Sun December 9-10, 2017
Time: 8:00 AM — 4:00 PM

Featuring:

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As many as 5% of all babies born in the United States have tongue-ties significant enough to cause breastfeeding difficulties. This condition can cause a plethora of problems for both babies (difficulty transferring milk, lack of growth) and their mothers (sore or cracked nipples, mastitis and low milk supply). They may also be erroneously diagnosed with GI problems, when all that is needed is a simple 30-second frenectomy to release the tongue-tie, the result of which is to restore the baby's ability to efficiently feed.

Day 1 Highlights: Ankyloglossia 101... Information will be presented to enhance the enrollee's knowledge about tongue & lip tie; its history, its lifelong impacts, and appropriate helpful professional interventions.

Assessment protocols based on both function & physical evaluation will be introduced & discussed. The necessity of a team approach to intervention will be explained. There will be discussions of specific cases, including many pre & post release clinical pictures. Armamentarium for safe & effective care will be reviewed. Participants should expect to leave with an expanded tie vocabulary, and an understanding of the techniques & benefits of using a laser to release tongue & lip tethers.

Day 2 Highlights: There will be three points of emphasis: the participant's knowledge about lasers will be enhanced, their ability to educate their clients will increase, AND this event will allow them to improve their own manual dexterity.

Specific client educational information will be reviewed, both pre-release preparation & post-release rehabilitation. Laser tissue interaction will be explained in a very detailed physics based discussion of laser use. And there will be a rare opportunity to participate in a hands-on oral tissue laser experience, in a workshop utilizing pig jaws. Participants will each have the chance to develop their comfort in performing oral laser release procedures.

Tuition

SMDS Members:	\$750	Non SMDS members:	\$850
Staff/IBCLC:	\$395	Residents:	\$495

Registration:

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Breakfast, Lunch, Afternoon snack, hot and cold beverages will be provided.



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