

Post Op Instructions for Tongue Frenectomy and Upper Lip Frenectomy Procedures

What to expect after Procedures

You may notice minimal bloody drainage from your child's mouth. This may look like more due to mixing with saliva.

Your child will have some Dissolvable Sutures (stitches) at the incision site.

Most children will be briefly fussy after a frenulectomy. Taking cold liquids or foods may soothe your child, and follow the post Anesthesia/post sedation procedure sheet. A non-aspirin pain reliever (Tylenol or Motrin) may be given if needed. If your child uses a pacifier or sippy cup we ask that you refrain from giving them until the next day. A white healing scab will form over the incision and you should leave it alone and **DO NOT REMOVE SCAB**. Monitor for signs and symptoms of infection.

When to call the doctor

- Your child is having difficulty swallowing.
- Your child has a lot of bleeding from the mouth. A small amount of oozing is normal.
- Your child has signs of dehydration. A child can become dehydrated when he or she has prolonged or severe vomiting and is not able to drink enough to keep up with the loss of fluids.
- Your child has a fever or other signs of infection, such as severe swelling, redness, and or pus at incision site.