Ankyloglossia and shortened Maxillary labial frenulum

Ankyloglossia and shortened maxillary labial frenulum are a common malady affecting breastfeeding infants. These issues are correlated with aerophagia and resultant reflux in infants and children. The current pediatric GI and oral literature does not differentiate between aerophagia induced reflux and Gastroesophageal Reflux (GER) and Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD). The approach of frenotomy of maxillary labial and lingual freni has been shown to reduce aerophagia and concomitant reflux in breastfeeding infants with either prevention of prescription antacid medications and/or weaning these infants off of medications.

A series of 350 patients was reviewed and findings discussed. A prospective study looking at ultrasound of lip and tongue movement and inflow before and after frenotomy and evaluation of symptoms of aerophagia/reflux is underway.

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