



What Children Should Expect After A Frenectomy

Your child just had a muscle attachment removed with a state of the art Laser. This procedure was done under local anesthesia and no sutures are present.

The child should be watched carefully to make sure they don't bite their lips, cheeks or gums before the numbness wears off. The numbness should only last a few hours. Due to the strange feeling of the anesthetic, many children will chew the inside of their lips, cheeks, or tongue which can cause serious damage.

If a child develops lip or cheek swelling after a filling, it is almost always due to trauma from the child biting his/her lip. Please give them Motrin for kids as indicated for their weight and age.

- Do not raise lips and probe the area with your fingers.
- Do not brush your teeth near the surgery site. However, you should brush and floss the rest of your teeth as you normally would.
- You may experience loss of sensation at the surgical site, and nearby teeth may feel loose for a while.
- Do not spit or use a straw the day of your procedure.
- Avoid any citric or acid foods for at least the first 2-3 days, as it can irritate the site. Mainly avoid lemon, oranges, spicy foods and hot foods.
- It is normal to see a white film over the area where the procedure was performed. This means that the tissue is healing properly.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns about the procedure.

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