

**NEONATAL TONGUE SCREENING TEST**  
**Lingual Frenulum Protocol for Infants**  
 Martinelli, 2015

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Examination Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**1. Lip posture at rest**



closed (0)



half-open (1)



open (1)

**2. Tongue posture during crying**



midline (0)



elevated (0)



midline with lateral elevation (2)



apex of the tongue down with tongue lateral elevation (2)

**3. Shape of the tongue apex when elevated during crying or elevation maneuver**



round (0)



V-shaped (2)



heart-shaped (3)

**4. Lingual Frenulum**



visible



not visible



visible with maneuver\*

\*Maneuver: elevate and push back the tongue. If the frenulum is not visible, re-assessment is required at 30 days of life.

**4.1. Frenulum thickness**



thin (0)



thick (2)

**4.2. Frenulum attachment to the tongue**



midline (0)



between midline and apex (2)



apex (3)

**4.3. Frenulum attachment to the floor of the mouth**



visible from the sublingual caruncles (0)



visible from the inferior alveolar crest (1)

Score 0 to 4: normal ( )

Score 5 to 6: doubt ( ) Re-assessment required in \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Score 7 or more: altered ( ) Release of lingual frenulum is indicated.