Clinical Guideline
Ankyloglossia
Newborn Nursery

This guideline should not replace clinical judgment.

Mother reports breastfeeding difficulty

Lactation consultant (LC) assesses latch. If ankyloglossia concern, use Bristol Tongue Assessment Tool (BTAT) to score.

Attending MD also assesses infant with BTAT.

BTAT 0-3 (Severe)
If < 24 hours: continue to work with lactation
If >24 hours: Attending MD offers frenotomy to family

If performing procedure:
- Complete procedure note
- Add to procedure history
- Work with lactation on feeding prior to discharge

BTAT 4+ (Mild/Moderate)
Continue to work with LC on latch.
Reevaluate breastfeeding difficulties prior to discharge.

Speech consult for formula fed infants with feeding difficulties prior to performing frenotomy

Ensure close follow-up in place for any infant with feeding difficulty who did not receive frenotomy during hospital stay

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