# Waterlase Dentistry<sup>™</sup>

Waterlase Dentistry is one of the most advanced dental technologies available today. Waterlase uses a patented technology that combines focused light energy with a stream of water for a highly precise, exceptionally gentle dental experience. Waterlase allows your dentist to perform a wide range of procedures with benefits including:

- → Virtually painless procedures with less anesthetic



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I was so frustrated and felt helpless. I didn't think we'd be able to breast feed. Waterlase helped my baby with her ability to latch on and now she is breast feeding properly.

> Denise, Tennessee Parent of Waterlase Patient



# What is a Frenectomy?

A frenectomy is a simple procedure to remove the frenum, which is a small band of tissue. They can be found inside the middle-upper lip (Maxillary frenums), between the lower lip and gums (Labial frenum), and under the tongue (Lingual frenum.) Frenectomies are very common dental procedures performed with infants and children when the frenums restrict the range of motion in the lips or tongue (called Lip- or Tongue-tie).

A Waterlase frenectomy is a quick, minimally invasive procedure, which is virtually bloodless and can be completed in-office, with minimal to no local anesthesia. Patients usually experience minimal discomfort and faster healing as opposed to a scalpel or scissor technique.



## COMMON DIFFICULTIES WITH LIP-TIE

- + Toddlers may have trouble eating from a spoon or eating finger foods
- Improper lip seal during nursing can be painful and create issues such as colic-like symptoms and decreased weight gain for newborns
- + May lead to a higher likelihood of tooth decay and other dental issues

## **COMMON DIFFICULTIES WITH TONGUE-TIE**

- Newborn babies show difficulty in latching or swallowing
- + Children and teenagers can have speech and pronunciation difficulties
- + Difficulties moving the tongue which may prevent the ability to clean teeth and keep lips moist

# BIOLASE

Waterlase uses laser energy and a gentle spray to release the frenum restriction and allow the proper range of motion.

# The Benefits of Waterlase Dentistry

## **MORE COMFORTABLE**

Waterlase can rapidly remove soft tissue via a combination of air- and water-cooling, with the pulsing of laser energy for minimal patient discomfort. Waterlase also provides a safe option to avoid any injuries that a scalpel or scissor technique can present, due to children's involuntary movements. The laser energy stops bleeding before it starts, making the procedure less painful and significantly less traumatic for both patient and parent.

## **FASTER RECOVERY**

Patients treated with Waterlase typically recover more quickly than traditional surgery. Healing can occur more rapidly with less discomfort for your child and a reduced need for post-operative medication. Lactation can begin immediately following the procedure.



Waterlase quickly removes soft tissue without the blood and trauma related to traditional methods. Patients usually experience less post-operative pain and faster recovery.

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