



## COURSE INFO

This is the **ONLY** course of its kind in the world which guarantees:

- 1) The use of four wavelengths for the hands-on sessions
- 2) It is not a course to sell equipment, rather is an educational program
- 3) It qualifies attendees for proficiency certification through the ABLS

Dr. Convissar is a pioneer in the field of laser dentistry. He has over 30 years of experience with CO2, Nd:YAG, Erbium and Diode wavelengths. The author of 16 papers and 6 textbooks on laser dentistry, he has presented over 300 seminars on 5 continents from London to Florence to Dubai to Tokyo to Sydney and everywhere in between.

# The Peel Technique: A New Paradigm in Pediatric Tongue Tie Treatment (HANDS-ON)

with Dr. Robert Convissar, Joy Funston, and Lucie Mitchell

This course now includes a certified lactation consultant and a craniosacral therapist. Both are relevant to oral healthcare and play a critical role during tongue tie release. Tongue tie release is a 3 tiered process that includes lactation consultant, surgeon, and craniosacral therapist. In this course, you will learn best practices regarding tongue-tie assessment and treatment and participate in a hands-on workshop where you will learn how to remove tongue-ties through the use of soft-laser tissue on pig jaws. This course is recommended for general dentists, periodontists, oral surgeons, pediatric dentists, lactation consultants, pediatricians, speech therapists, nurses, chiropractors, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and more.

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this combination lecture and hands-on course, attendees will be introduced to the concept of laser frenectomies, an increasingly popular method by which dentists and physicians can treat tongue and lip ties in their patients.

This participation course will teach the medical and dental team how to accumulate all of the required data via history intake forms, perform a clinical examination to arrive at the correct diagnosis, evaluate when this procedure should be done, and then perform the procedure using laser technology. The course will also go over the practice management/marketing side of this procedure: how to network with lactation consultants, pediatricians, neonatologists, and the rest of the medical team in order to grow your practice of neonatal dentistry.

## HANDS-ON PORTION

The HANDS-ON portion of the program will be performed on tissue samples and pig jaws and includes:

- Laser incising in micropulsed mode with focused laser beam
- Deep high-power incisions vs shallow low-power incisions
- Laser coagulation and hemostasis with defocused laser beam
- Laser Incising under tissue tension
- Laser Tongue Tie Release simulation
- Laser Buccal Tie release simulation
- Laser Vestibuloplasty simulation
- Laser Biopsy simulation
- Simulated laser operculectomy, fibroma excision, gingivectomy, etc
- Superficial laser ablation of epithelium
- Superficial laser heating of epithelium
- Simulated laser treatment of ulcerous lesions

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5% or more of the babies born in the United States have such tight tongue-ties and frenum pulls that they cannot successfully latch onto their mother's nipple and breastfeed. For the baby, serious consequences include loss of weight and the label of "failure to thrive". For the mother, this results in sore and cracked nipples, mastitis, painful engorgement and post-partum depression due to an inability to nurse her baby. This has classically been treated by a physician taking a scalpel or a pair of scissors to the newborn's mouth and cutting the attachment. The treatment of choice, however, is for a dentist to use laser technology to painlessly, bloodlessly remove the attachment, allowing the infant to immediately nurse.

Though many practitioners perform tongue-tie release, few are trained in the PEEL Technique ®. This technique insures that the 4 movements the tongue must make in order to nurse successfully can be performed:

- Peristalsis
- Elevation
- Extension
- Lateralization

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- 2) Pediatricians, family practitioners, neonatologists, obstetricians,
- 3) Chiropractors
- 4) Nurse practitioners
- 5) Speech and language pathologists, lactation consultants, doulas and birth counselors

At the conclusion of the course, participants will:

- Be able to diagnose anterior and posterior tongue ties
- Understand the criteria for treating tongue and lip ties
- Know the advantages of the PEEL Technique ® over other techniques
- Understand which laser wavelengths are most appropriate for performing tongue and lip tie releases

***An American Board of Laser Surgery Certification Program  
Candidates who successfully complete this course will receive a Certificate in  
Pediatric Tongue Tie and Lip Tie Diagnosis and Treatment recognized by the  
American Board of Laser Surgery, the only Medical Certifying Board in the world  
dedicated to Lasers and Light Energy in Medicine and Dentistry***

***About The American Board of Laser Surgery Certification Program***

The American Board of Laser Surgery was founded in 1984 by 19 physicians from diverse specialties who were the first to recognize the need to provide a unique certification in the use of lasers in medicine and surgery. The ABLS is NOT an organization to which you must join or pay annual dues to – it is simply a certifying board. It is the ONLY certifying board in the world that certifies all health care professionals who use lasers and light energy to treat their patients. The ABLS accepts no money from any laser manufacturers – it is a truly independent organization. For more information on the American Board of Laser Surgery, please visit:

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