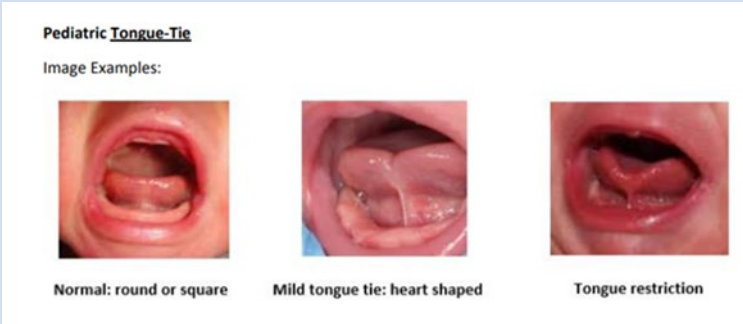


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Co-Management Guidelines

To support collaborative care, we have developed guidelines for our community providers to utilize when referring to, and managing patients with, the pediatric specialists at Children's Wisconsin. These guidelines provide protocols for jointly managing patient cases between community providers and our pediatric specialists.

Tongue Tie in Older Children/Ankyloglossia:

Diagnosis/symptom	Referring provider's initial evaluation and management:	When to initiate referral/ consider refer to Speech Clinic:	What can referring provider send to Speech Clinic?	Specialist's workup will likely include:
<p>Signs and symptoms</p> <p>Akyloglossia in older children may cause social/mechanical issues including difficulty licking, difficulty keeping teeth clean, lower central incisor diastema, sense of social embarrassment</p> <p>While extremely uncommon, akyloglossia can impact speech/articulation development.</p> <p>Unlike in infants, akyloglossia is less commonly associated with feeding problems</p> <p>Akyloglossia has not been shown to cause sleep apnea</p>	<p>Diagnosis and Treatment</p> <p>Varying degrees of reduced tongue mobility or protrusion</p> <p>Visible tongue tie</p>  <p>Potential speech/ articulation problems</p> <p>Poor dental hygiene</p> <p>Treatment</p> <p>Primary dental concerns should be assessed by a dental provider</p>	<p>Akyloglossia with associated social/mechanical issues</p> <p>Evaluation by speech provider suggests articulation problems are related to akyloglossia</p> <p>Age > 2 years of age</p>	<p>Internal Provider using Epic: Place Ambulatory Referral to Speech Feeding</p> <p>External Provider using EPIC: Please complete the external referral order to CHW SPEECH CLINICS and indicate Feeding Clinic in the notes /comments</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Fax to Central Scheduling at (414) 607-5288.</p> <p>In order to help triage our patients maximize the visit It would also be helpful to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief complaint, onset, frequency • Update growth chart • Recent progress notes • Urgency of the referral • Relevant labs • Other Diagnoses 	<p>After referral to Speech Clinic:</p> <p>Speech provider will review the relevant history and family goals</p> <p>Evaluate tongue mobility and protrusion</p> <p>Identify presence of tongue tie</p> <p>If subsequent ENT referral is needed:</p> <p>Counsel family that frenulectomy can not be done in the office in children >6 months of age</p>

<p><u>Causes</u></p> <p>Tongue-tie is a congenital condition that restricts the tongue's movement</p> <p>With tongue-tie there is a thick or tight piece of tissue that tethers the tip of the tongue to the floor of the mouth.</p>	<p>Evaluation by speech to determine the cause of speech / articulation problems</p>		<p>Office notes with medications tried/failed in the past and any lab work that may have been obtained regarding this patient's problems</p>	<p>Discuss option of frenulectomy in the operating room</p> <p>Review post operative care and management</p>
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