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Introduction: Ankyloglossia and Tethered Oral Tissues (TOTS) is best identified, diagnosed and treated by a multidisciplinary team of providers. This course will explore the important role of this team in facial development necessary for proper growth & development, feeding, and speech.

Stages of speech development will be presented along with early identification of concerns that impact patients in the areas of communication, language, speech, emergent literacy, and feeding/swallowing impairments. The implications of TOTS as one of the contributing factors will be explored.

Orofacial myology disorders (OMDs) will be defined and cases presented for all ages, that illustrates normal and abnormal oral facial structures and the development of compensatory habits that affect speech, chewing, swallowing and breathing.

Ankyloglossia & TOTS will be presented addressing basic and advanced therapy in the areas of observation, diagnosis, laser surgery, post operative active wound care, Orofacial myofunctional therapy and wound healing.

Curriculum:

- Demonstrate a wide range of didactic and clinical tools in the assessment & treatment of TOTS
- Learn how to identify barriers and contributing factors that interfere with speech development and Orofacial myology therapy in ankyloglossia, oral habits, & airway
- Recognize when to refer to other professionals
- Understand the importance of developing a multidisciplinary team
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Agenda:

Day One

1.0 Hour Introduction
3.0 Hours Clinical Case presentations (TOTS)
LUNCH
3.0 hours Didactic & Clinical (Speech)

Day Two:

2.0 Hours TOTS Laser Surgery Cases Discussion & Questions
2.0 Hours Orofacial Myofunctional Therapy
LUNCH
1.0 Hour Orofacial Myofunctional Therapy (cont'd)
1.5 Hours Multidisciplinary Approach putting all together Case Studies
0.5 Hours Panel

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