



2-Day Hands-on Course - 16 CEUs

Pediatric Tongue- and Lip-Ties and Laser Frenectomies

with **LIVE SURGERY** Demonstrations

Friday & Saturday
April 9-10, 2021
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Red Rock Periodontics & Implantology
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Las Vegas, NV 89117

Meet the Instructors:



Martin Kaplan, DMD

Dr. Kaplan has practiced Pediatric Dentistry for 41 years. He was the first pediatric dental hospital trained post-graduate from Montefiore Hospital in the Bronx, NY. He had been a volunteer part-time adjunct clinical instructor in the Pediatric post-graduate Department at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in Boston, 2006-2017. He has lectured nationally and internationally, has co-authored several dental articles and has been a contributing author in several dental texts including the first-ever *Laser Surgery Atlas for the Treatment of Infant Tongue- & Lip-Ties*. Dr. Kaplan was instrumental in developing the first in the country comprehensive Infant Laser Frenotomy class which has been co-presented with other specialists in the laser and lactation professions at Tufts University Dental/Medical Center in Boston.



Tara Erson, DMD

Dr. Erson, the owner of Smart Mouth, is a dentist interested in tongue-ties and their impact on breastfeeding, oral, facial, and airway development. Dr. Erson will perform several live tongue-tie surgeries with her CO₂ laser.



Melissa Mugno, OMT

Melissa is a pioneer within the modern Myofunctional Movement. Since becoming an Orofacial Myofunctional Therapist. In 2014, she has improved the lives of hundreds of patients, lectured around the country, and raised the standards of the profession. Her background as a Dental Hygienist and experience in the fields of Orthodontics and Pedodontics contributes to her success. Melissa treats patients of all ages suffering from a wide range of conditions stemming from adverse myofunctional habits. She now resides in Las Vegas where she enjoys being with her family, cooking and being involved in her community.

Melissa is part of the Smart Mouth team and is also a Breathe Associate at the Breathe Institute in Los Angeles with Dr. Zaghi, MD ENT.



Cara Riek, DNP, RN, FNP-BC, IBCLC

Dr. Cara Riek graduated from Arizona State University with a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree. She is a board certified Family Nurse Practitioner in addition to having her IBCLC certification. Dr. Riek is also a diplomate of the American Board of Laser Surgery, specializing in "Oral Surgery in Infants, Toddlers, and Adults." Dr. Riek very much enjoys helping families reach their breastfeeding goals.



Piya Gandhi, DDS

Dr. Gandhi has been practicing dentistry since 2009. She completed her pediatric specialty training at the University of Texas in Houston. She has done extensive training beyond her residency in the diagnosis and treatment of TOTS. Dr. Gandhi screens all of her patients for oral restrictions and believes in a comprehensive team approach to treatment. Her team currently consists of a SLP, OMT, and IBCLC.

Introduction: Enhance your understanding of the issues of pediatric laser dentistry, including tongue-ties and lip-ties! As many as 5 percent of all babies born in the US have tongue-ties significant enough to cause breastfeeding difficulties. Affected babies often fail to thrive and can be erroneously labeled as "lazy nursers" or "stubborn feeders".

A good surgical laser for cutting soft tissue must be able to vaporize soft tissue, while at the same time efficiently coagulating surgical margins. Not all laser wavelengths are suitable to comply with both requirements. This course focuses on the practical aspects of soft tissue laser surgery and on the fundamental processes involved in the laser-tissue interaction; it helps attendees learn how deep the laser beam cuts and how deep the coagulation and hemostasis extend into the surgical margins. Our **hands-on participation lab** is designed to train attendees on what surgical lasers can do safely and efficiently.

Clinical Curriculum

- Demonstrate a wide range of didactic and clinical tools for the use of lasers in pediatric dentistry;
- Present basic knowledge about Dental Lasers adhering to the established standards of education;
- Provide sound scientific basis and proven efficacy of use of lasers in dentistry in order to ensure public safety;
- Explore current methods of clinical assessment, diagnosis and treatment of lingual and labial ties. Attendees will be able to:
 - Describe infant sucking physiology and how tongue ties impair infant suck;
 - Appropriately use reliable diagnostic criteria to screen babies and children for this condition;
 - Clearly express the orthodontic-myofunctional connection;
 - Discuss how the soft tissues of the orofacial complex may lead to malocclusion, TMD, headaches, and other problems;
 - List and define all consequences and benefits of using lasers to remove oral restrictions; and
 - Recognize different types of functional orthodontic devices and how they may help different types of cases.
- In addition, attendees will learn to remove oral restrictions using soft-tissue lasers through observing **live surgery demonstrations**.

Laser Curriculum: Laser Surgery and Safety Basic Knowledge Certification Curriculum for this Course has been developed by the American Laser Study Club (ALSC). The ALSC's curriculum overcomes the known limitations of many laser dentistry courses and includes the detailed physics of soft tissue ablation and coagulation with laser and hot tip (non-laser) devices. Laser hands-on wet lab on tissue samples will include laser safety instructions, various laser technique demonstrations, and frenectomy simulations. Laser instructions will be assisted by guest speaker Peter Vitruk, PhD, MInstP, CPhys, a laser physicist who founded the American Laser Study Club and LightScalpel LLC.



Hands-On Participation Session:

- Laser Safety
- Laser Surgical Technique Simulations
- Superficial Ablation
- Superficial Coagulation
- Shallow Incisions
- Deep Incisions
- Practicing Surgical Techniques on a Pig Jaw

2 HOURS

Course Certificates: Course participants, who successfully complete examination, will be awarded a **LASER SAFETY basic knowledge CERTIFICATE** from the Board of Laser Safety of the Laser Institute of America (**DISCOUNTED** cost for the ALSC members), as well as a **Laser Dentistry and Laser Surgery Basic Knowledge and Hands-On participation Wet Lab CERTIFICATE** from the American Laser Study Club (**FREE** for the course participants).



Tuition

Doctors: \$1250
Non-Doctors: \$650
ALSC members: \$50 OFF*
LightScalpel users: \$50 OFF*

Registration

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