NEONATAL TONGUE SCREENING TEST  
Lingual Frenulum Protocol with Scores for Infants  
Martinelli, 2015

Name: _____________________________________________________________

Birthdate: _____ / _____ / ___________  
Examination Date: _____ / _____ / ___________

1. Lip posture at rest
   ( ) closed (0)  ( ) half-open (1)  ( ) open (1)

2. Tongue posture during crying
   ( ) midline (0)  ( ) elevated (0)  ( ) midline with lateral elevation (2)  
   ( ) apex of the tongue down with tongue lateral elevation (2)

3. Shape of the tongue apex when elevated during crying or elevation maneuver
   ( ) round (0)  ( ) V-shaped (2)  ( ) heart-shaped (3)

4. Lingual Frenulum
   ( ) visible  ( ) not visible  ( ) visible with maneuver*

*Maneuver: elevate and push back the tongue. If the frenulum is not visible, re-assessment is required at 30 days of life.

4.1. Frenulum thickness
   ( ) thin (0)  ( ) thick (2)

4.2. Frenulum attachment to the tongue
   ( ) midline (0)  ( ) between midline and apex (2)  ( ) apex (3)

4.3. Frenulum attachment to the floor of the mouth
   ( ) visible from the sublingual caruncles (0)  ( ) visible from the inferior alveolar crest (1)

Score 0 to 4: normal ( )
Score 5 to 6: doubt ( ) Re-assessment required in _____ / _____ / ___________
Score 7 or more: altered ( ) Release of lingual frenulum is indicated.