## **Family First Dentistry PLLC**

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# **Infant Frenectomy Post-Procedure Instructions**

**Stretches (4-6 times a day for 6 weeks)**: Raw surfaces in proximity want to reattach. Stretches prevent the folding area from reattaching. Wash your hands before stretches. Gloves are not necessary.

- a. Elevate
- b. Finger Roll



### Comfort:

- a. If you child is <u>under 3 months</u> consult with your physician.
- b. If you child is <u>3 months or older</u> consider giving them **Acetaminophen (every 4 hours)** for the next 24 hours. Continue as needed.
- c. If you child is <u>6 months or older</u> consider giving them **Ibuprofen (every 6 hours)** <u>OR</u> **Acetaminophen (every 4 hours)** for the next 24 hours. Continue as needed.
- d. A cold compress may help with lip swelling/discomfort
- e. Please follow a soft food diet taking care to avoid the surgical area when chewing

### **Bleeding:**

- a. To avoid bleeding, try to keep your child from playing with the surgery area with their fingers or tongue.
- b. Minor bleeding, such as a pinkish tinge to your saliva, may occur during the first 48 hours.
- c. If bleeding more than a pinkish tinge, apply light pressure to the area with a moistened gauze or moistened tea bag. Keep in place for 20 minutes <u>without peeking</u>. If bleeding persists, please call.

#### Avoid:

a. Avoid extremely hot and/or spicy foods.

Try to relax and practice good oral hygiene and your healing should progress well. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the office (701) 929-4200