

Factsheet

Lip frenum

What is a lip frenum?

A lip frenum is a fold of soft tissue that attaches the lip to the front surface of the gums. The frenum can look different as a child's top jaw grows.

It is common for toddlers to cut their lip frenum when they fall while learning to walk.

Everyone has a lip frenum

Can a lip frenum affect breastfeeding or cause tooth decay?

Lip frenums are unlikely to cause breastfeeding problems or tooth decay. Tooth decay developing in the future can not to be predicted by how the lip frenum looks. There are many factors that work together to cause tooth decay.

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