



Holtzman has been asked to provide guidance for study groups.....

For those who have expressed interest in organizing study groups in Florida, and wish to have Sandra's input, please contact us at info@orofacialmyology.com

New IAOM Examination in the works....

The committee to create a new version of the IAOM proficiency examination has been hard at work. They are busy updating questions and answers to reflect the current research, position papers, and other state of the art information. A special thank you is in order for Becky Ellsworth, who flew to Orlando for several days and stayed up to the wee hours, discussing pros and cons of various questions and test models. And deep appreciation goes to Dr. Robert Mason, who continues to work tirelessly in spite of the many other important obligations in his life, providing assistance and an abundance of information.

Frenotomy: takes longer to fill out consent form than the actual procedure itself

An article published in the online journal, Pediatrics, by Dr. Sandra Sullivan, clinical assistant professor of pediatrics in the neonatology division of the University of Florida, describes frenotomy for infants as a relatively simple procedure where it takes longer to fill out the consent form than to perform the actual frenotomy. Sullivan, along with Sandra Holtzman and approximately 48 other professionals worldwide, were founding members of the IATP (International Affiliation of Tongue tie Professionals), a brain child of Dr. Alison Hazelbaker, developer of the ATLFF, Assessment Tool for Lingual Frenulum Function. Sullivan is on a committee to develop a simple tongue tie screening test for infants that nurses can perform right after the birth of a child.

Lactation consultants are the professionals usually called upon to help babies experiencing breastfeeding difficulties, something often associated with restricted lingual frena. Dr. Isabella Knox, an associate professor of pediatrics at the University of Washington, estimates that between 40,000 and 100,000 babies are born each year in the United States with a tongue-tie problem. Knox said that the general pediatric training doesn't prepare doctors to pay enough attention to the importance of breastfeeding.

At this time, it is unfortunate that only a handful of orofacial myologists come into contact with newborns. Elizabeth Schlein, a recent Holtzman grad (Jun-July 2011 course), has expressed great interest in this area and is in a position to further our efforts with newborns. We look forward to hearing more about this important area that is intricately related to orofacial myology.



ROM Acronyms Changed: Requires Your Attention

The ROM measurement method is now more user friendly. Please replace the former Acronyms as follow:

MO(max) replaces former **MO**. **MO(max)** is the measurement in millimeters of the maximum mouth opening achieved without discomfort. (**M**outh **O**pen **M**aximally)

MOWS replaces the former **MOW**. **MOWS** is the measurement in millimeters of the maximum mouth opening achieved while the tongue is suctioned flat upon the palate. (**M**outh **O**pen **W**ith **S**uction)

MO(tts) is the measurement in millimeters of the maximum mouth opening achieved while the tongue tip is placed upon the incisive papilla ("spot" behind upper central incisors) (**M**outh **O**pen with **t**ongue to **s**pot)

The ROM is extremely useful to establish the baseline pre and post treatment or frenectomy and is especially handy when seeing clients outside of the office. If you have questions, let us know at info@orofacialmyology.com



Grad's Corner

If you have not yet been contacted, expect an email soon from our new HoltzmansGraduates@YahooGroups.com Because our grads say they feel like there is "sooooooo" much to remember, the idea of creating this exclusive group came up at the August, 2011, class. Stacie Greene offered to create a yahoo group as a way of sharing and "picking the brains" of all other Holtzman attendees, since they use the same tools and treatment approaches. You will receive an invitation that you must accept so your name will be cleared to become part of the grad group! Thanks, class of August, 2011, for this welcome new mentoring venue!



CINCINNATI ANNUAL CONVENTION

This year historical Cincinnati will host the IAOM (International Association of Orofacial Myology) annual convention. Hyatt Regency will host the event from October 21 to 23. Orofacial Myologists from all around the world will be there to learn, to share, and to have fun! We hope to see you there as well.



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