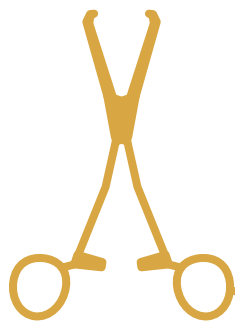
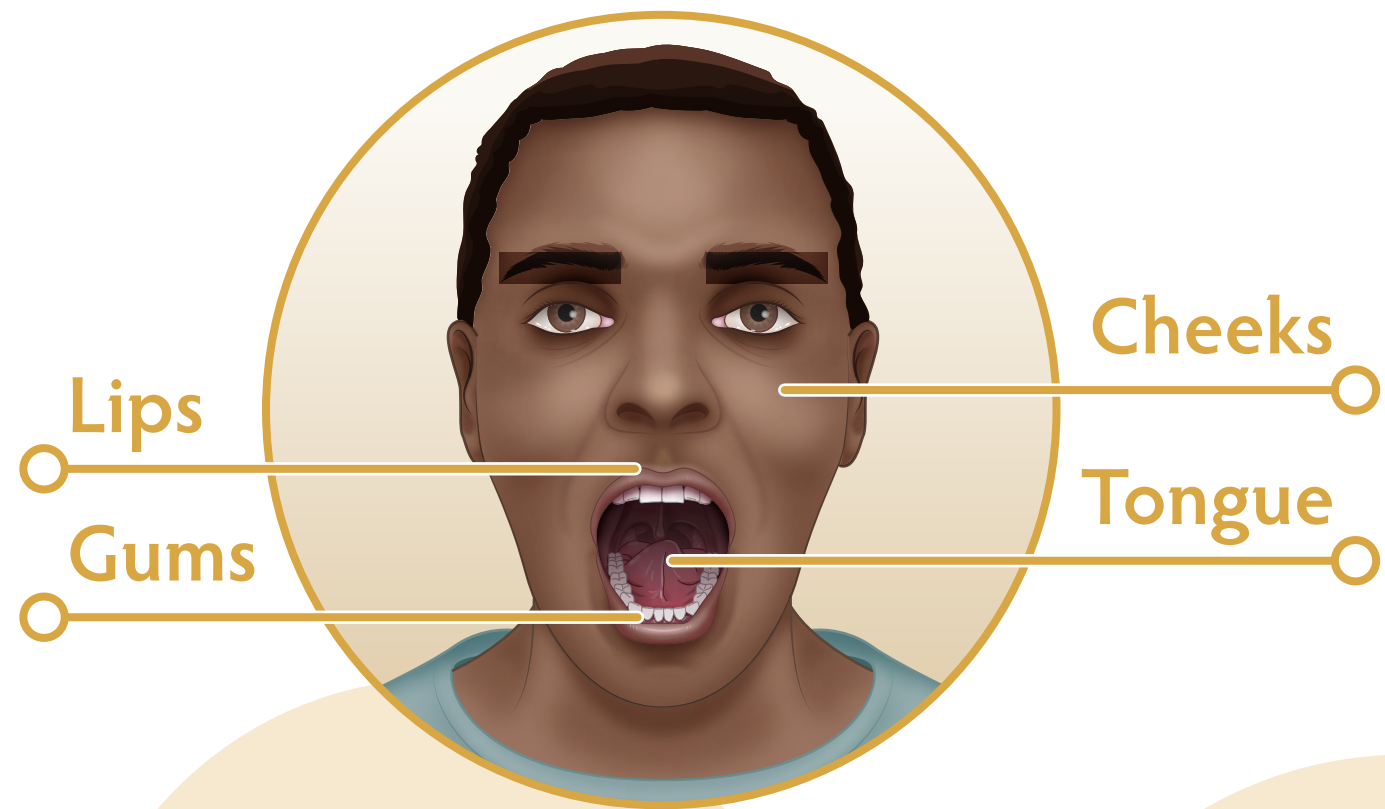


Oral Soft-tissue Surgery



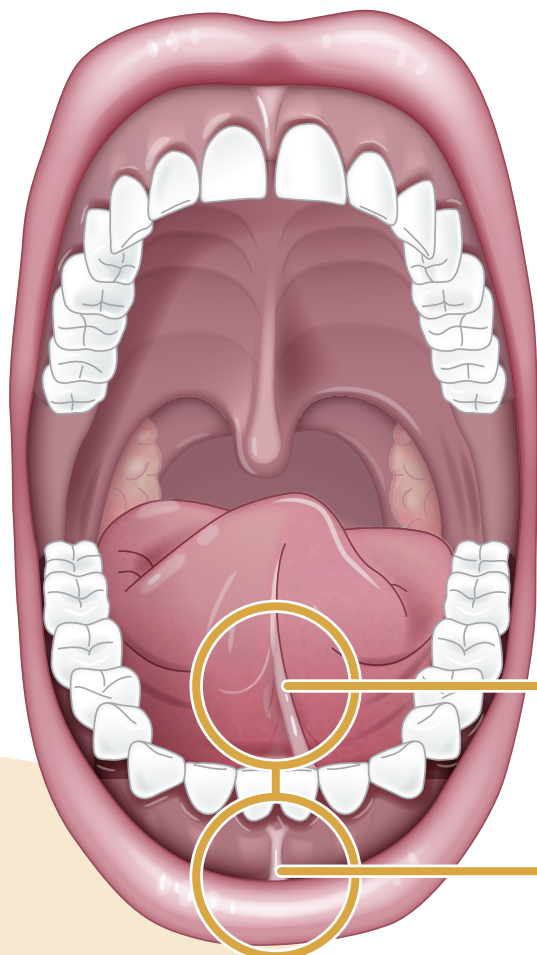
Soft-tissue surgeries improve function, appearance and oral health.

Oral and maxillofacial surgeons are qualified to perform:



Soft-tissue surgeries

Soft-tissue involves the gums, cheeks, tongue and lips.



Cheeks

Tongue

Lingual Frenectomy

Reduction of the size of the frenum allows the tongue to move freely. This procedure can be performed as early as the first few weeks after birth.

Labial Frenectomy

A procedure to correct the labial frenum connecting too close to the front teeth – avoiding potential spacing and hygiene problems and gingivitis.

Frenectomy

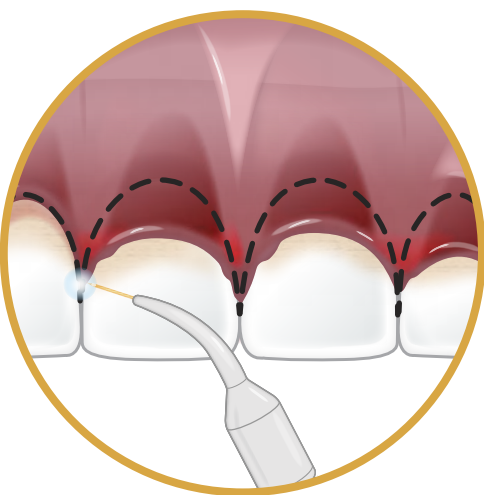
To help those tongue-tied or lip-tied, a simple procedure to loosen the frenum's connection for extended range of motion.

Did you know

A soft-tissue graft is needed to:

- Increase the amount of gum tissue around a single tooth, multiple teeth or implants.
- To build more gum tissue to support dentures.
- To build gum tissue in the floor of the mouth (underneath the tongue) or cheek tissue.

The lingual frenum connects the tongue to the floor of the mouth and lower jaw. When movement of the tongue is restricted, it is referred to as being "tongue-tied." Infants with this condition can have difficulty with nursing and, eventually, speaking.



Gingivectomy

Surgery to remove diseased or excess gum tissue.



Gingivoplasty

Surgery to reshape the gum tissue for functional or cosmetic purposes.

Before Surgery

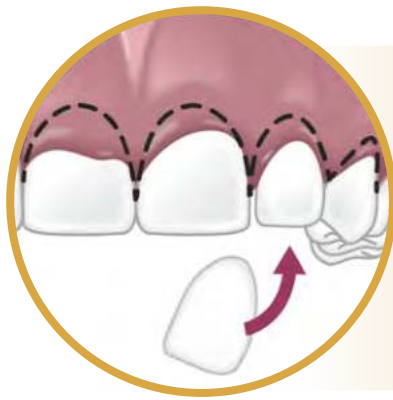
After Surgery



Soft-tissue grafting



A piece of gum tissue (soft tissue) is surgically transplanted to a site inside the mouth.



Crown-lengthening



A crown-lengthening procedure can allow enough of a damaged tooth's structure is available to securely hold a crown.

Soft tissue may be inadequate for many reasons, including:

- Gum and bone (periodontal) disease
- Forceful brushing or flossing
- Traumatic injury
- Orthodontic movement (braces or aligners)
- Previous oral surgery
- Treatment for oral pathology, including head and neck cancer
- Loss of teeth at an early age
- Systemic disease (e.g., diabetes mellitus, rheumatoid arthritis, lupus)

Soft-tissue graft for oral surgery are typically obtained from nearby gum tissue, roof of mouth (palatal tissue) or bone bank tissue.



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