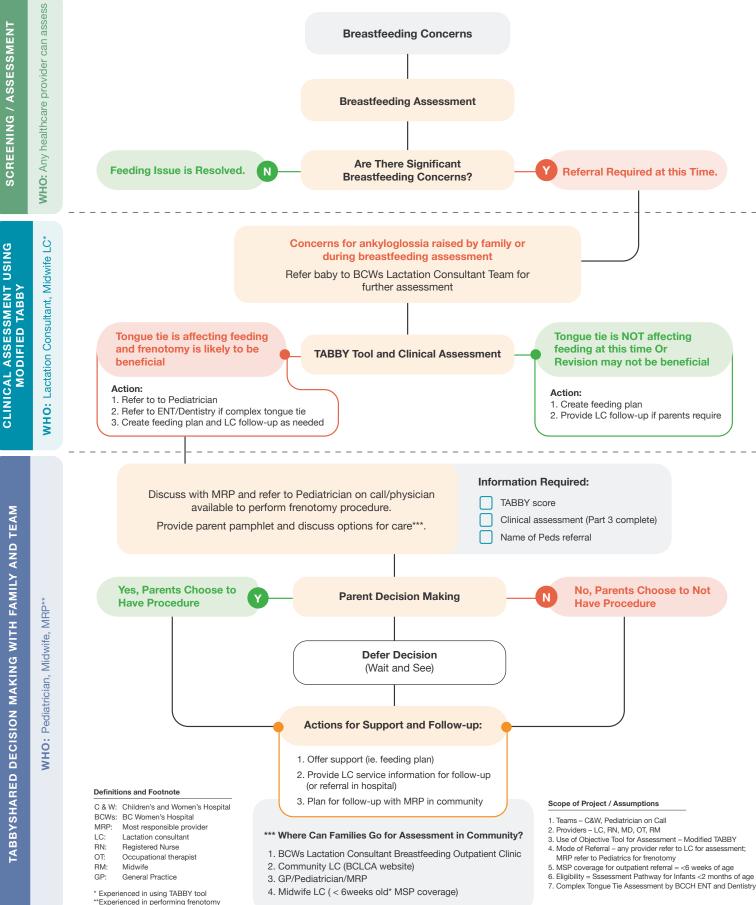
REFERRAL DIAGRAM

MRUN:

BC WOMEN'S HOSPITAL+ HEALTH CENTRE Provincial Health Services Authority



CLINICAL ASSESSMENT TOOL

Assessment of tongue appearance and function is only one part of the feeding assessment. Clinical decision on tongue tie release should be based on: (1) assessment of breastfeeding, (2) assessment of tongue appearance and function; (3) clinical judgment; and (4) discussion with parents.

Date	Baby MRUN:	Current Age: Current Weight:	GA at Birth:
Parents Planning to Breastfeed:	Y / N	Initial Concerns:	

PART 1 Infant Feeding Assessment for possible tongue tie related issues

Discuss breastfeeding concerns with family and reason for assessment

Observe a breastfeed; mother and baby are a dyad and both need to be assessed

Breastfeeding Questions and Assessment	Question	Yes	No	Not Applicable	Additonal Notes
	Reported pain during feeding (unresolved with position and latching support)				
	Nipple trauma (i.e. bleeding)				
	Adequate milk production				
	Milk transfer present during feed				
	Able to maintain a latch				

TABBY Tongue Assessment Tool¹ PART 2

Complete the TABBY Tool and record your score for appearance and function.

TABBY Tongue Assessment Tool

	0	1	2	SCORE
What does the tongue-tip look like?				
Where it is fixed to the gum?				
How high can it lift (wide open mouth)?				
How far can it stick out?				

*Healthcare provider name/date completing TABBY:

Scoring (Circle Final Score)				
8	Suggests normal tongue appearance & function			
6 or 7	Borderline; wait and see with support for breastfeeding position/attachment			
	Action: Feeding plan & follow-up date (Lac- tation consultant referral or outpatient clinic)			
5 or Below	Suggests impairment of tongue function; may/may not effect breastfeeding			
	Action: Feeding plan, inform MRP, Pediatric referral (Peds on call), follow-up date			

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DART 2 Clinical Judgement Name/Date:			
PART 3 Clinical Judgement Name/Date:	Yes	No	Notes
1. Are the feeding challenges most likely related to tongue tie?			
2. Is tongue function limited or restricted?			
3. Is further lactation support required? Feeding plan in place?			
4. Recommendations for intervention? (le. Tongue tie release, continue to monitor and reassess, community follow-up)			
5. Have parents received information pamphlet?			
*Does family want a follow-up phone call? (Check yes/no and provide phone number or email)	Contact:		

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