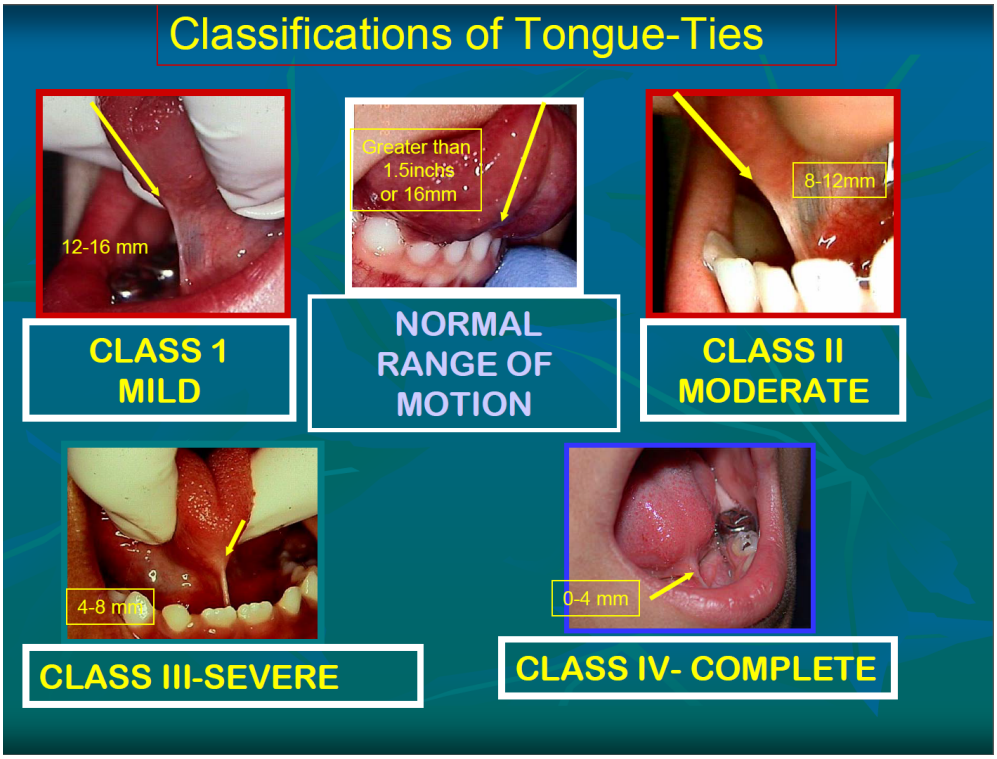

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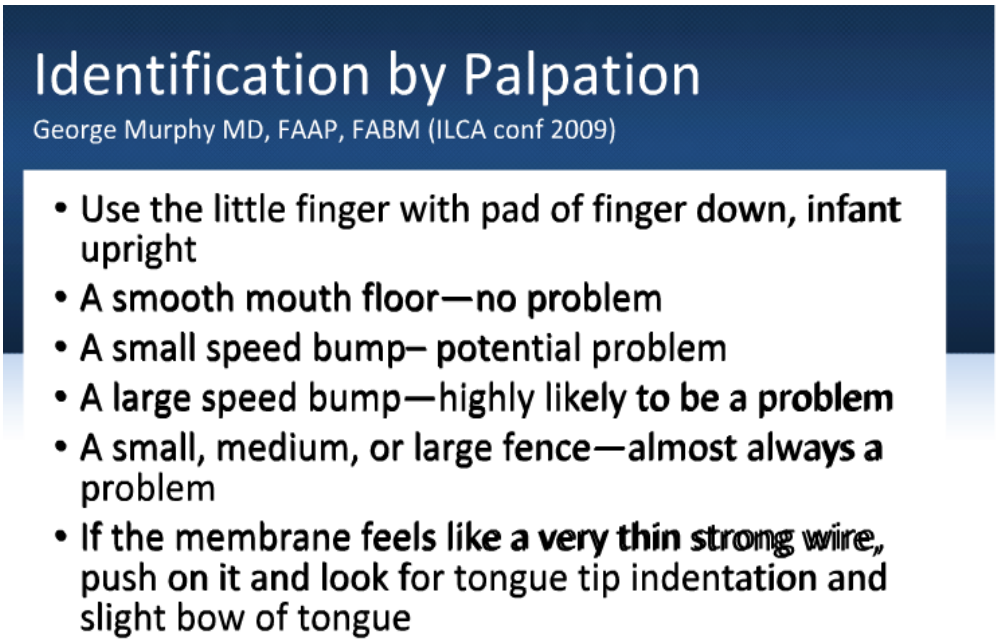
Type	Superior Attachment	Inferior Attachment	Characteristics Of Frenulum
1	Tip of tongue	Alveolar ridge	Often thin, may be elastic
2	2-4 mm behind Tip of tongue	On or just behind alveolar ridge	Often thin, may be elastic
3	Mid-tongue	Middle of floor of mouth	Usually thicker, more fibrous, inelastic
4	Submucosal	Floor of mouth at base of tongue	Usually thick, fibrous, shiny, and inelastic



General Guidelines:

- The tip of the tongue should be able to protrude outside the mouth without causing clefting of the front border of the tongue.
- The lingual attachment should not create a diastema (gap) between the lower front teeth.
- The lingual attachment should not cause excessive force on the lower front teeth causing them to tip backward.
- The lingual attachment should not cause severe blanching of the gum tissue behind the lower front teeth.
- The lingual attachment should not prevent a normal swallowing pattern. The tongue should be able to lick the lips.
- The lingual attachment should not prevent a normal swallowing pattern. The tongue should easily touch the roof of the mouth.
- The lingual attachment should not interfere with nursing or cause mothers pain.