

HOW TO ATTEND AN

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# ORAL ASSESSMENT



This position should be adopted to carry out a thorough assessment of the baby's mouth.

The function of the tongue can not be fully assessed by just looking and is very difficult to achieve with the baby front on to the assessor.

The assessor should be coming from over the babies head, The legs away from the assessor.

The aim is to lift the tongue with a pointer finger either side of the frenulum that will run in the centre of the tongue.

This position allows a visual and digital examination of all components of the oral assessment.

- elevation
- extension
- lateralisation
- grasp and cupping
- palate shape and arch
- lip restriction

