

**John Klauz Biography:**

John Klauz is a paediatric physiotherapist with a special interest in newborn infants with positional deformities and intrauterine packaging disorders. He completed his physiotherapy degree at Curtin University and a Master of Advanced Paediatric Physiotherapy Practice at Monash University. He currently practices at Bloom Pelvic Health in Stirling, and Kwinana Physiotherapy.

**Beyond the Frenulum: Musculoskeletal Barriers to Breastfeeding****Content Outline:**

Breastfeeding difficulties are often attributed to oral restrictions such as tongue-ties, yet infant musculoskeletal and developmental factors may also influence feeding success. This presentation explores how conditions including congenital muscular torticollis, deformational plagiocephaly, hypotonia, and selected congenital disorders can affect infant positioning, cervical mobility, and latch mechanics. Paediatric physiotherapist John Klauz discusses the role of early identification, interdisciplinary collaboration, and physiotherapy-informed positioning strategies in supporting breastfeeding outcomes, while addressing common myths surrounding manual therapies and musculoskeletal treatment in infants.