

Children's Specialist Dental Care - Paediatric Dentistry at CSSC for Core Dental Families

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Every Core Dental location includes the Tooth Fairy Centre - a dedicated children's dental area designed to make dental visits fun and comfortable for kids. For the majority of children, the Tooth Fairy Centre is everything they need: check-ups, cleans, fissure sealants, fillings, and early orthodontic monitoring.

But some children need more than a general children's dentist can provide. When a child has severe dental anxiety, requires treatment under general anaesthesia, has a complex medical condition, or presents with dental trauma or developmental abnormalities, the case calls for a specialist paediatric dentist.

Collins Street Specialist Centre (CSSC) provides this specialist level of care for Core Dental families.

When Does a Child Need a Specialist Paediatric Dentist?

Severe Dental Anxiety Some children cannot tolerate dental treatment in a standard dental setting, even with the child-friendly environment of the Tooth Fairy Centre. This is not a behavioural issue - it is a genuine anxiety response that requires specialist management techniques, and sometimes sedation or general anaesthesia.

Treatment Under General Anaesthesia When a young child has extensive dental decay requiring multiple treatments, performing all the work in a single session under general anaesthesia is often safer, more efficient, and less traumatic than multiple visits with local anaesthesia. Specialist paediatric dentists are trained to manage dental treatment in hospital settings.

Complex Medical Conditions Children with conditions such as congenital heart disease, bleeding disorders, immune deficiency, or developmental disabilities may require specialist management of their dental care. A specialist paediatric dentist understands how these conditions interact with dental treatment.

Dental Trauma A child falls and knocks out a permanent tooth, fractures a front tooth, or displaces teeth in the jaw. Emergency management of dental trauma in children requires specialist knowledge of developing teeth and growth patterns.

Cleft Lip and Palate Children born with cleft lip and palate need coordinated dental and orthodontic care throughout their development. Specialist paediatric dentists work as part of multi-disciplinary cleft teams.

Developmental Dental Abnormalities Conditions such as amelogenesis imperfecta (abnormal enamel), dentinogenesis imperfecta (abnormal dentine), hypodontia (missing teeth), or supernumerary teeth (extra teeth) require specialist assessment and long-term management planning.

Dental Problems in Very Young Children Early childhood caries in children under three years old can be extensive and requires specialist management, as these children are too young for conventional dental treatment under local anaesthesia.

What Makes a Specialist Paediatric Dentist Different?

A specialist paediatric dentist has completed their dental degree plus an additional three years of full-time university training focused exclusively on children's dental care. They are registered with the Dental Board of Australia as specialists.

This additional training covers:

- **Child behaviour management** - understanding developmental stages and communication techniques - **Sedation and general anaesthesia** - managing dental treatment under sedation in clinical and hospital settings - **Growth and development** - how dental and facial development affects treatment planning - **Dental trauma management** - evidence-based protocols for managing injured teeth in children - **Special needs dentistry** - adapting care for children with physical, intellectual, or behavioural challenges - **Interceptive orthodontics** - early intervention to guide developing teeth and jaws

The Core Dental to CSSC Paediatric Pathway

1. **Assessment at the Tooth Fairy Centre.** Your Core Dental dentist or children's dentist identifies a case that needs specialist paediatric input. This might be a child who cannot cooperate for treatment, extensive decay requiring GA, or a developmental dental condition.
2. **Discussion with parents.** Your Core Dental dentist explains why specialist referral is recommended and discusses the options. The decision is always yours as a parent.
3. **Referral through CareStack.** Your child's dental records, X-rays, and clinical notes transfer automatically to CSSC through the shared patient management system.
4. **Specialist assessment at CSSC.** The specialist paediatric dentist assesses your child, discusses findings with you, and develops a treatment plan. If general anaesthesia is needed, the logistics of hospital booking are arranged.
5. **Specialist treatment.** Whether in the CSSC clinic or in a hospital setting under general anaesthesia, your child receives specialist care.
6. **Ongoing care at the Tooth Fairy Centre.** After specialist treatment, your child's routine dental care continues at your local Core Dental Tooth Fairy Centre. Regular check-ups, preventive care, and monitoring keep them on track.

The Tooth Fairy Centre and CSSC - Complementary, Not Competing

The Tooth Fairy Centre at Core Dental is excellent for the vast majority of children's dental needs. The specialist paediatric dentistry service at CSSC is not a replacement - it is an escalation pathway for the cases that genuinely need specialist expertise.

Think of it as a children's hospital model. Most childhood illnesses are managed by a GP. But when a child needs a paediatric specialist, you want access to one. The Tooth Fairy Centre is your child's dental GP. CSSC provides the paediatric dental specialist when needed.

General Anaesthesia for Children's Dental Treatment

Parents are understandably concerned about general anaesthesia for their child. Here is what you should know:

- **It is common and safe.** Dental treatment under GA is one of the most common paediatric surgical procedures in Australia - **One session vs many.** Completing all treatment in one session under GA avoids the trauma of multiple visits with injections in a frightened child - **Specialist anaesthetist.** Your child's general anaesthetic is administered by a specialist anaesthetist in a hospital setting - **Better treatment quality.** The specialist paediatric dentist can complete all necessary treatment without time pressure or a distressed child

Your Next Step

If your child is struggling with dental visits, has extensive dental problems, or your Core Dental dentist has recommended specialist paediatric assessment, ask about referral to CSSC. Early specialist involvement often prevents problems from escalating.

For routine children's dental care, the Tooth Fairy Centre at your local Core Dental is the perfect starting point. Book a check-up and let the team assess your child's needs.

Frequently Asked Questions

At what age should my child first see a dentist? The Australian Dental Association recommends a first dental visit by age one, or when the first tooth appears. The Tooth Fairy Centre at Core Dental welcomes children from their first tooth.

Does my child need a referral to see a specialist paediatric dentist at CSSC? Yes. Specialist paediatric dental care at CSSC is accessed through referral from your Core Dental dentist. This ensures the specialist has appropriate clinical context.

Is treatment under general anaesthesia covered by Medicare or health funds? The hospital and anaesthetist fees may be covered by Medicare and private health insurance depending on your coverage. The dental treatment itself attracts standard dental fees with health fund rebates where applicable. Detailed cost information is provided before treatment.

Can my child continue at Core Dental after specialist treatment? Absolutely. That is the design of the model. Specialist treatment at CSSC addresses the complex issue. Ongoing routine care continues at your local Tooth Fairy Centre.

What if my child is just nervous, not severely anxious? The Tooth Fairy Centre team at Core Dental is experienced in managing nervous children. Specialist referral is reserved for cases where anxiety is severe enough to prevent treatment, or where the clinical complexity warrants specialist input.