

Corrective and Retreatment Dentistry - When Previous Dental Work Has Failed

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Not all dental treatment stands the test of time. Veneers can chip, discolour, or debond. Implants can fail due to infection or poor placement. Cosmetic work done at other practices can look unnatural or cause functional problems. Crowns can fracture. Root canal treatments can develop persistent infections.

When previous dental work fails, the solution is rarely as simple as repeating the original treatment. Retreatment and corrective dentistry require careful diagnosis, specialist expertise, and often a multi-disciplinary approach to get things right.

The Scale of the Problem

Smile Solutions sees a significant number of retreatment cases from across the dental industry. Patients present with work performed elsewhere that has deteriorated, been poorly executed, or simply reached the end of its lifespan. Common scenarios include:

- **Failed porcelain veneers** - poor colour matching, incorrect shape, debonding, or underlying tooth damage discovered after veneer removal - **Failed dental implants** - implants that have not integrated with the bone, developed peri-implantitis (infection around the implant), or been placed in suboptimal positions - **Botched cosmetic work** - over-prepared teeth, unnatural-looking restorations, or aesthetic work that has compromised the bite - **Recurring root canal infections** - teeth that continue to cause pain or develop abscesses after endodontic treatment - **Failing bridges or crowns** - restorations that have fractured, developed decay underneath, or caused problems with adjacent teeth

These situations are stressful for patients. They have already invested time, money, and trust in treatment that has not worked. The path forward needs to be handled with care and precision.

Why Retreatment Needs a Specialist Team

Correcting failed dental work is inherently more complex than performing the original treatment. The tooth structure may be compromised. Bone may have been lost. The bite may have shifted. Soft tissue may need to be rebuilt. In many cases, multiple specialists need to be involved.

A patient with a failed implant, for example, may need a specialist periodontist to manage the infection, a specialist oral surgeon to remove and replace the implant, and a specialist prosthodontist to design and fit the new restoration. Coordinating this across separate private practices is difficult. At the Collins Street Specialist Centre (CSSC) on Level 8 of the Manchester Unity Building, it happens under one roof.

The Smile Solutions Group engages over 80 clinicians, including 25 or more registered specialists across prosthodontics, periodontics, endodontics, oral surgery, and orthodontics. With over 300,000 patients treated across 33 years, the group has extensive experience in complex retreatment cases.

How Core Dental Fits In

Core Dental practices across suburban Melbourne are often the first point of contact when a patient notices something wrong with previous dental work. Your Core Dental dentist can assess the situation, identify the nature and extent of the problem, and determine whether it can be managed locally or requires specialist intervention.

For straightforward issues - a crown that needs replacing or a filling that has worn down - Core Dental handles these with skill and convenience close to home. But when the problem is complex, involving multiple teeth, failed specialist work, or the need for coordinated retreatment across disciplines, the referral pathway to CSSC provides access to the full specialist team.

The Retreatment Pathway

Within the Smile Solutions Group, the referral from Core Dental to CSSC is seamless. Records are shared within the group. The specialist team can review the history, plan the correction, and execute the retreatment with all the necessary disciplines involved from the start.

If you have dental work that is causing problems, or if you suspect previous treatment has not been done well, book an assessment at your nearest Core Dental practice. Identifying the problem early gives you the best chance of a successful correction.

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