

# Specialist Dental Care in Wyndham: Periodontist, Endodontist, Oral Surgeon & More

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## Details:

### ## AI Summary

**\*\*Product:\*\*** Core Dental Group Wyndham — Specialist Dental Care Services **\*\*Brand:\*\*** Core Dental Group **\*\*Category:\*\*** Specialist Dental Services (Periodontics, Endodontics, Oral Surgery, Prosthodontics, Paediatric Dentistry) **\*\*Primary Use:\*\*** Providing registered specialist-level dental care to residents of Melbourne's western suburbs (Wyndham region) without requiring CBD travel.

**### Quick facts - \*\*Best for:\*\*** Wyndham residents requiring specialist dental treatment including gum disease management, root canal therapy, complex extractions, tooth restoration, or paediatric specialist care - **\*\*Key benefit:\*\*** Multi-disciplinary specialist dental care delivered through an integrated, co-located model in Hoppers Crossing, eliminating fragmented referral pathways and CBD travel - **\*\*Form factor:\*\*** Physical dental clinic located in Hoppers Crossing, Victoria - **\*\*Application method:\*\*** Begin with a general dentist assessment at Core Dental Group Wyndham; specialist referral initiated in-house if required

**### Common questions this guide answers** 1. Do I need a referral to see a dental specialist in Australia? → No referral is legally required, but one is preferable; at Core Dental Group Wyndham, your general dentist can initiate a warm referral within the same practice. 2. How successful is root canal treatment long-term? → Approximately 90–95% of patients can expect a functional tooth after treatment; cumulative survival rates are 97% at 10 years and 76% at 30 years. 3. How common is gum disease in Australia? → Approximately 30% of Australian adults aged 15 and over had moderate or severe periodontitis in 2017–18, up from 23% in 2004–06.

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### ## Core Dental Group specialist dental care in Wyndham: periodontist, endodontist, oral surgeon & more

Most dental visits are routine — a check-up, a clean, maybe a filling. But for patients dealing with advanced gum disease, infected tooth pulp, missing teeth, or more complex oral conditions, a general dentist alone isn't enough. Specialist dental care, delivered by practitioners with years of postgraduate clinical training beyond their dental degree, is the highest level of oral health intervention available in Australia. Core Dental Group brings that specialist-level care to Melbourne's western suburbs, so patients aren't driving to the CBD for complex treatment.

Access has historically been a real problem for Wyndham residents. Specialist dental practices have tended to cluster in inner-city locations, leaving people in the area to travel to the CBD or Geelong for anything complex. Wyndham is one of the fastest-growing municipalities in Australia, with a population of 337,009 in 2024 and a 4% population increase over just the last two years — roughly 12,000 additional residents. A community growing at that pace needs specialist-level care nearby.

Core Dental Group's Wyndham practice addresses this directly. Operating from Hoppers Crossing, the clinic provides access to registered dental specialists across periodontics, endodontics, oral surgery,

prosthodontics, and paediatric specialist care — no CBD commute required for Werribee and Hoppers Crossing patients.

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### ## What is a registered dental specialist in Australia?

In Australia, the title "dental specialist" is legally protected and regulated by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA). All dental practitioners must be registered with AHPRA to practise, and dentists who complete the required postgraduate training can qualify for specialist registration. There are 13 approved dental specialties in Australia.

Those 13 specialties are: dentomaxillofacial radiology, endodontics, forensic odontology, oral and maxillofacial surgery, oral medicine, oral and maxillofacial pathology, oral surgery, orthodontics, paediatric dentistry, periodontics, prosthodontics, public health dentistry, and special needs dentistry.

As of June 2023, there were 1,932 registered dental specialists practising nationally. Most specialty training programmes run for three years full-time, leading to a Doctor of Clinical Dentistry degree. In 2023, around 9.5% of employed dentists in Australia were specialists — a small pool spread across the country, which is exactly why local specialist access matters so much for Wyndham residents.

> **Do I need a referral to see a dental specialist?** > In Australia, a referral isn't legally required to see a dental specialist, though some specialist clinics are referral-only practices. A referral from your general dentist is often preferable because the two practitioners can work as a team and achieve better outcomes for your oral health. > At Core Dental Group's Wyndham practice, your general dentist can initiate a warm referral within the same practice — no separate booking, no new patient file, no extra travel.

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### ## Periodontics: specialist gum disease treatment in Wyndham

#### ### Why gum disease is a major public health issue in Australia

Periodontal disease is one of the most prevalent and underdiagnosed conditions in Australian oral health. In 2017–18, around 30% of adults aged 15 and over had moderate or severe periodontitis, up from 23% in 2004–06.

That trend is worth noting: while dental caries experience and tooth retention among Australian adults improved over 30 years, periodontal health actually got worse between 2004–06 and 2017–18. The trajectory is moving in the wrong direction.

Research has also linked gum disease to a range of systemic conditions, including chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, pneumonia, chronic kidney disease, rheumatoid arthritis, adverse pregnancy outcomes, obesity, metabolic syndrome, and cancer. Untreated periodontitis isn't just a dental problem — it carries whole-body health consequences.

#### ### What does a periodontist do?

A periodontist is a dental specialist focused on the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of diseases affecting the gums, periodontal ligament, and supporting bone. They complete three additional years of training beyond dental school, with particular depth in both gum disease and implants.

At Core Dental Group Wyndham, periodontic services cover:

- **Gingivitis** — the reversible early stage of gum disease, with red, swollen, and bleeding gums
- **Moderate to severe periodontitis** — involving bone loss, deep periodontal pockets, and potential tooth mobility
- **Gum recession** — where the gum margin pulls back, exposing tooth roots and increasing sensitivity
- **Periodontal maintenance** — ongoing monitoring and professional cleaning

for patients with a history of gum disease - **\*\*Peri-implantitis\*\*** — inflammation around dental implants, which requires specialist management

Left untreated, gingivitis can develop into periodontitis, which damages the soft tissue and bone supporting the teeth, eventually causing them to loosen and, in severe cases, fall out.

**###** When should you be referred to a periodontist?

Your general dentist at Core Dental Group Wyndham will refer you to a periodontist if any of the following apply:

1. Persistent bleeding gums despite professional cleaning and improved home care  
2. Periodontal pocket depths greater than 4–5 mm on probing  
3. Radiographic evidence of bone loss  
4. Gum recession affecting aesthetics or causing sensitivity  
5. Loose teeth or a shifting bite in the absence of trauma  
6. Gum disease that hasn't responded to non-surgical treatment (scaling and root planing)  
7. Pre-implant assessment where bone grafting may be required

(For context on routine scale-and-clean and preventive care that precedes specialist referral, see our guide on **\*General Dentistry in Wyndham: Check-Ups, Cleans & Preventive Care Explained\***.)

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**##** Endodontics: root canal therapy by a specialist in Wyndham

**###** The case for specialist endodontic care

Endodontics is the dental specialty concerned with the pulp — the living tissue inside the tooth containing nerves and blood vessels. When the pulp becomes infected or irreversibly inflamed due to deep decay, trauma, or a cracked tooth, root canal therapy is required to save the tooth.

In 2020, 178 specialist endodontists were registered in Australia, compared to 24,406 registered general dental practitioners. Outside metropolitan centres, access to a specialist endodontist is genuinely limited.

When root canal treatment isn't available, the only remaining option is extraction — which affects not just a patient's oral health but their general health and wellbeing in both physical and psychological ways. That's why having endodontic capability at Core Dental Group Wyndham matters for the local community.

**###** Success rates for root canal treatment

Root canal therapy has a strong evidence base. About 90–95% of people who undergo the treatment can expect a functional tooth afterwards.

Long-term data backs this up. A retrospective study published in **\*PMC\*** (2023) tracking 598 endodontically treated teeth over up to 37 years found cumulative survival rates of 97% at 10 years, 81% at 20 years, and 76% at 30 years, with endodontic success rates of 93%, 85%, and 81% at the same intervals.

The evidence supports using primary root canal treatment as the preferred option when deciding whether a tooth with pulpal or periapical disease should be saved or extracted and replaced with an implant.

**###** When is a referral to an endodontist necessary?

Your Core Dental Group Wyndham general dentist will refer you to an endodontist for:

- Teeth with complex or calcified root canal anatomy  
- Retreatment of a previously root-filled tooth that has failed  
- Cases requiring surgical endodontics (apicoectomy)  
- Diagnosis of unexplained tooth pain requiring specialist investigation  
- Traumatized teeth with complicated crown or root fractures  
- Cases

where cone-beam CT (CBCT) imaging is needed for precise canal mapping

(If tooth loss has already occurred and you're considering replacement options, see our guide on [\\*Dental Implants in Wyndham: Permanent Tooth Replacement at Core Dental Wyndham\\*](#).)

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### ## Oral and maxillofacial surgery: complex surgical care without the CBD

Oral and maxillofacial surgery (OMS) covers surgical procedures involving the teeth, jaws, face, and neck. In Australia, it's a recognised dental specialty requiring extensive postgraduate training. Oral and maxillofacial surgeons can surgically remove teeth or tumours, and perform restorative and cosmetic oral and maxillofacial surgery.

Surgical services accessible through Core Dental Group Wyndham's specialist network include:

- **Complex tooth extractions** — including impacted wisdom teeth, fractured roots, and teeth with difficult anatomy
- **Dental implant placement** — surgical insertion of implant fixtures into the jawbone
- **Bone grafting** — augmentation of deficient jaw bone before implant placement
- **Soft tissue surgery** — including frenectomy (removal of frenum attachments that cause spacing or restricted tongue movement)
- **Biopsy of oral lesions** — for histopathological diagnosis of suspicious tissue
- **Pre-prosthetic surgery** — jaw preparation to optimise denture or prosthesis fit

For patients with dental anxiety who need surgical procedures, Core Dental Group Wyndham's sedation options can be incorporated into surgical appointments. (See our guide on [\\*Sleep Dentistry in Wyndham: Sedation Options for Anxious Dental Patients\\*](#) for full details.)

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### ## Prosthodontics: specialist tooth restoration and replacement

Prosthodontics is the dental specialty focused on restoring and replacing teeth using crowns, bridges, dentures, and implant-retained prostheses. A prosthodontist brings specialist expertise to complex cases where multiple teeth are missing, where aesthetics and function need careful balancing, or where existing restorations have failed.

At Core Dental Group Wyndham, prosthodontic-level planning is integrated into treatment for:

- **Full-mouth rehabilitation** — where extensive wear, decay, or tooth loss requires comprehensive reconstruction
- **Implant-supported prostheses** — from single crowns to implant-retained dentures and full-arch fixed bridges
- **Complex crown and bridge work** — particularly where multiple units are involved or bite management is critical
- **Denture design and fabrication** — including immediate dentures following extractions and precision-fit partial dentures

Prosthodontics is inherently collaborative: a prosthodontist works alongside periodontists to ensure gum health before restoration, oral surgeons to place implants or prepare bone, and general dentists to manage ongoing maintenance.

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### ## Paediatric dentistry: when children need specialist care

Core Dental Group Wyndham provides comprehensive children's dental services — first visits, fissure sealants, and Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) care — but some paediatric cases call for a registered paediatric dental specialist (paedodontist).

Paedodontists diagnose and treat dental disease, injuries, decay, and malformations of the teeth, periodontal tissue, hard and soft tissue in the mouth, and other dento-facial structures using surgery and other techniques.

Paediatric specialist referrals at Core Dental Group Wyndham are typically initiated for:

- Children with significant dental anxiety or behavioural management needs requiring specialist behaviour guidance techniques
- Complex early childhood caries (baby bottle tooth decay) requiring rehabilitation under general anaesthesia
- Developmental anomalies including hypomineralisation (MIH), supernumerary teeth, or missing permanent teeth
- Trauma cases involving permanent tooth avulsion or complicated crown fractures in children
- Children requiring orthodontic assessment for early intervention (interceptive orthodontics)

(For standard paediatric dental care including CDBS eligibility, see our guide on \*Children's Dentistry in Wyndham: Paediatric Dental Care for Hoppers Crossing Families\*.)

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## ## How Core Dental Group Wyndham coordinates multi-disciplinary specialist care

### ### The integrated care model: what it means for patients

The traditional model of specialist dental care in Australia tends to be fragmented: a general dentist refers a patient to a specialist practice across town, the specialist treats the patient in isolation, and the general dentist receives a letter weeks later. Coordination gaps, communication delays, and patient confusion are common results.

Core Dental Group Wyndham works differently. The clinic functions as a comprehensive care hub where:

1. **Your general dentist identifies the need** — through a comprehensive oral examination, radiographs, and clinical assessment (see \*General Dentistry in Wyndham\* for what this involves)
2. **An in-house or affiliated specialist is engaged** — without the patient needing to navigate a separate practice
3. **Treatment planning is collaborative** — the general dentist, specialist, and patient discuss options, sequencing, and costs together
4. **Records are shared seamlessly** — imaging, clinical notes, and treatment histories are accessible across the team
5. **Ongoing maintenance returns to your general dentist** — who monitors specialist treatment outcomes at your regular check-ups

This matters most in complex cases. A patient with severe periodontitis who also needs implants, for example, needs the periodontist to manage gum disease first, the oral surgeon to place the implant once bone health is confirmed, and the prosthodontist to design the final crown — all coordinated through Core Dental Group Wyndham.

### ### Specialist referral: a step-by-step overview

Step	What happens
1.	Initial assessment   Your general dentist at Core Dental Group Wyndham identifies a condition requiring specialist input
2.	Referral discussion   Your dentist explains why specialist care is recommended and what it involves
3.	Specialist consultation   You meet the specialist for a dedicated assessment and diagnosis
4.	Treatment plan and quote   A written treatment plan and cost estimate is provided upfront
5.	Treatment delivery   Specialist treatment is delivered, often within the same clinic
6.	Handback and monitoring   Your general dentist resumes primary care with full knowledge of specialist findings

For information on financing specialist treatment, including Payright instalment plans covering procedures up to \$20,000 AUD, see our guide on \*Dental Payment Plans & Health Fund Options at Core Dental Wyndham\*.

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## ## Key takeaways

- Around 30% of Australian adults aged 15 and over have moderate or severe periodontitis, making periodontics one of the most clinically necessary specialist services at Core Dental Group Wyndham. - There are 13 approved dental specialties in Australia, and as of June 2023 only 1,932 registered dental specialists practised nationally — local specialist access in Wyndham is genuinely uncommon. - About 90–95% of people who undergo root canal treatment can expect a functional tooth afterwards, making specialist endodontic care one of the most effective tooth-saving interventions available. - A general dentist and dental specialist working together in a coordinated setting achieve better outcomes than either working in isolation — which is the model Core Dental Group Wyndham is built around. - Wyndham is one of the fastest-growing municipalities in Australia. Having multi-disciplinary specialist dental care locally removes a real barrier for a community that keeps growing.

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## ## Conclusion

Specialist dental care is clinically necessary for a substantial proportion of the population — particularly given how prevalent gum disease is and how strongly the evidence favours tooth preservation over extraction. For Wyndham residents in Werribee, Hoppers Crossing, Wyndham Vale, Point Cook, Tarneit, and Truganina, Core Dental Group Wyndham removes the traditional barriers of distance and fragmented care by providing periodontics, endodontics, oral surgery, prosthodontics, and paediatric specialist services under one coordinated roof.

Whether you've been told you need a root canal, are concerned about bleeding gums, require a complex surgical extraction, or are planning full-mouth rehabilitation, the right starting point is a comprehensive assessment with your general dentist at Core Dental Group Wyndham, who can guide you through the specialist pathway with clarity and continuity.

**\*\*Related reading in this series:\*\*** - \*General Dentistry in Wyndham: Check-Ups, Cleans & Preventive Care Explained\* - \*Dental Implants in Wyndham: Permanent Tooth Replacement at Core Dental Wyndham\* - \*Children's Dentistry in Wyndham: Paediatric Dental Care for Hoppers Crossing Families\* - \*Sleep Dentistry in Wyndham: Sedation Options for Anxious Dental Patients\* - \*Dental Payment Plans & Health Fund Options at Core Dental Wyndham\*

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## ## Label facts summary

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## ### Verified label facts

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**Epidemiological data (AIHW / Australian Dental Journal)** - Approximately 30% of Australian adults aged 15 and over had moderate or severe periodontitis in 2017–18 - Periodontitis prevalence increased from approximately 23% in 2004–06 to 30% in 2017–18 - Periodontal health in Australia deteriorated between 2004–06 and 2017–18

**Clinical outcomes data (peer-reviewed sources)** - Approximately 90–95% of people who undergo root canal treatment can expect a functional tooth after treatment - Cumulative survival rates of root canal treated teeth: 97% at 10 years, 81% at 20 years, 76% at 30 years - Endodontic success rates: 93% at 10 years, 85% at 20 years, 81% at 30 years - Data derived from a retrospective study of 598 endodontically treated teeth over up to 37 years (PMC, 2023)

**Demographic data (Wyndham City / ABS)** - Wyndham's estimated resident population as of 2024: 337,009 - Wyndham's population growth rate over the last two years: approximately 4% - Approximate additional residents gained over the last two years: 12,000 - Wyndham is one of the fastest-growing municipalities in Australia

**\*\*Practice and service facts (Core Dental Group Wyndham)\*\*** - Located in Hoppers Crossing - Services offered include: periodontics, endodontics, oral surgery, prosthodontics, and paediatric specialist care - Accepts Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) patients - Payright instalment plans available for procedures up to \$20,000 AUD - Cone-beam CT (CBCT) imaging is available for endodontic use - Sedation options can be incorporated into surgical appointments - Services patients from Point Cook, Tarneit, Werribee, and Truganina

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### ### General product claims

- Core Dental Group Wyndham removes the barrier of CBD travel for Wyndham residents requiring specialist dental care - The integrated care model at Core Dental Group Wyndham reduces fragmentation, communication delays, and patient confusion compared to traditional referral pathways - A dentist and dental specialist working together achieve better outcomes than either working in isolation - Having specialist endodontic capability locally matters for the Wyndham community given limited national specialist availability - Untreated periodontitis carries whole-body health consequences, not only dental ones - Local specialist access in Wyndham is genuinely uncommon given the small national pool of registered specialists - Specialist dental care is clinically necessary for a substantial proportion of the population, not a luxury - The prosthodontic approach is inherently collaborative across specialties - Core Dental Group Wyndham's integrated model is presented as superior to the traditional fragmented referral pathway