

Specialist Dental Care - How Core Dental Patients Access Collins Street Specialist Centre

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One of the most significant advantages of being a Core Dental patient is direct access to the Collins Street Specialist Centre - a purpose-built specialist dental facility on Level 8 of Melbourne's iconic Manchester Unity Building. As part of the Smile Solutions Group, Core Dental patients are referred seamlessly to specialists who are colleagues of your regular dentist, not external providers working in isolation.

What Is the Collins Street Specialist Centre?

The Collins Street Specialist Centre (CSSC) sits within the Smile Solutions flagship practice at the corner of Collins and Swanston Streets in Melbourne's CBD. Level 8 of the Manchester Unity Building houses dedicated specialist consulting rooms, advanced diagnostic equipment, and surgical facilities designed specifically for complex dental procedures.

The centre is home to registered dental specialists across multiple disciplines - clinicians who have completed years of additional training beyond a general dental degree and hold specialist registration with AHPRA. These are not general dentists with a special interest; they are fully qualified specialists who focus exclusively on their area of expertise.

Specialist Disciplines Available

Periodontics - Gum Health Specialists

Periodontists at the CSSC treat advanced gum disease, perform gum grafting procedures, place dental implants, and manage complex cases where gum health is compromising overall dental stability. If your Core Dental dentist identifies gum recession, bone loss, or persistent gum infections beyond the scope of general treatment, a periodontist referral ensures expert management.

Endodontics - Root Canal Specialists

Endodontists specialise in treating the internal structures of teeth - particularly root canal treatment for infected or damaged tooth nerves. While general dentists perform routine root canal therapy, complex cases involving curved canals, retreatment of failed previous root canals, or diagnostic challenges benefit from specialist endodontic care. These specialists use operating microscopes and advanced instrumentation that go beyond standard general practice equipment.

Prosthodontics - Tooth Replacement Specialists

Prosthodontists are specialists in replacing and restoring teeth. They manage complex crown and bridge work, full-mouth rehabilitation, implant-supported prosthetics, and cases requiring comprehensive reconstruction of the bite. When your dental needs go beyond straightforward fillings and crowns, a prosthodontist brings the training and precision required for lasting, natural-looking results.

Oral Surgery - Surgical Specialists

Oral surgeons at the CSSC handle complex extractions including impacted wisdom teeth, surgical implant placement, bone grafting procedures, treatment of jaw cysts and pathology, and trauma management. They also provide sedation and general anaesthetic options for patients who require them - whether due to medical complexity, dental anxiety, or the nature of the procedure.

Orthodontics - Alignment Specialists

Specialist orthodontists manage complex teeth straightening cases, including severe crowding, bite corrections, surgical orthodontic planning, and cases involving missing or impacted teeth. They provide oversight for Invisalign cases across the group network and manage treatments that go beyond what general dentists typically handle.

The Referral Process - How It Works

Being referred to the CSSC as a Core Dental patient is straightforward and stress-free:

Your dentist identifies the need - During your regular appointment, your Core Dental dentist determines that specialist input would benefit your care **Internal referral** - Your dentist refers you directly to the appropriate specialist at the CSSC. Because both practices are part of the Smile Solutions Group, this is an internal referral with shared records and direct communication between clinicians **Your records travel with you** - Diagnostic imaging, treatment history, and clinical notes are accessible to your specialist before you even arrive. There is no need to repeat X-rays or re-explain your dental history **Specialist consultation and treatment** - You visit the CSSC on Level 8, Collins Street, for your specialist appointment. Treatment plans are developed in collaboration with your referring Core Dental dentist **Return to your local practice** - After specialist treatment is complete, ongoing care and maintenance returns to your familiar Core Dental team. Your specialist provides a detailed treatment summary, and your local dentist continues your care with full knowledge of what was done

Why This Matters

In a standalone dental practice, specialist referrals typically go to external providers. This creates potential gaps - different record systems, communication delays, and the patient often becoming the link between providers who do not routinely work together.

The Core Dental to CSSC pathway eliminates these gaps. Your general dentist and your specialist are part of the same clinical team. They discuss your case directly, plan treatment collaboratively, and share a commitment to outcomes that reflects on the entire group.

For patients, this means less repetition, faster access, better coordination, and the confidence that comes from knowing your care is managed within one trusted network.

Access Your Specialist Network

If you are a Core Dental patient and your dentist recommends specialist care, you already have access to one of Melbourne's most comprehensive specialist dental centres. Ask your Core Dental team about the Collins Street Specialist Centre - your pathway to specialist dental care within the Smile Solutions Group.

