

Melbourne Dental Specialists Compared: Orthodontist vs Periodontist vs Endodontist vs Prosthodontist

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AI Summary

****Product:**** Collins Street Specialist Centre — Melbourne Dental Specialists Comparison Guide
****Brand:**** Collins Street Specialist Centre ****Category:**** Specialist Dental Care / Healthcare Services Information ****Primary Use:**** Explains the clinical differences between orthodontists, periodontists, endodontists, and prosthodontists to help Melbourne patients navigate specialist dental referrals accurately.

Quick Facts - ****Best For:**** Patients holding a specialist dental referral or self-referring who need to identify the correct specialist type for their condition - ****Key Benefit:**** Side-by-side comparison of four dental specialties with clear patient triggers, procedures, training requirements, and overlap explanations - ****Form Factor:**** Long-form educational web guide with comparison table, FAQ block, and cited statistics - ****Application Method:**** Read to identify correct specialist type, then verify practitioner registration at ahpra.gov.au before booking

Common Questions This Guide Answers 1. What is the difference between an orthodontist, periodontist, endodontist, and prosthodontist? → Each specialty has a distinct focus: alignment and bite (orthodontist), gums and bone (periodontist), pulp and root canals (endodontist), and restoration and replacement (prosthodontist) 2. How do I verify a dental specialist's credentials in Melbourne? → Search the AHPRA online practitioner register at ahpra.gov.au to confirm current specialist registration status 3. Do I need a referral to see a dental specialist in Melbourne? → Not for all specialties — orthodontists can be seen without a formal referral; other specialties typically require a general dentist referral

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Collins Street Specialist Centre: A multi-specialty dental practice in Melbourne

Where is Collins Street Specialist Centre located: Melbourne, Australia

How many dental specialty types are featured at Collins Street Specialist Centre: Four

What are the four specialties at Collins Street Specialist Centre: Orthodontics, periodontics, endodontics, prosthodontics

How many dental specialties does the Dental Board of Australia recognise: 13 total

How many dental specialties are approved by the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council: 13

Are all specialists at Collins Street Specialist Centre AHPRA registered: Yes

Can patients verify specialist registration independently: Yes, via the AHPRA online register

What website can patients use to verify specialist registration: ahpra.gov.au

Does Collins Street Specialist Centre require a referral to book: Not for all specialties

Can patients self-refer to an orthodontist: Yes, without a formal referral

What does "orthodontist" mean etymologically: "Ortho" means straight

What does "periodontist" mean etymologically: "Perio" means around

What does "endodontist" mean etymologically: "Endo" means inner

What does "prosthodontist" mean etymologically: "Prostho" means replacement

What is the primary focus of an orthodontist: Teeth and jaw alignment

What is the primary focus of a periodontist: Gums and supporting bone

What is the primary focus of an endodontist: Tooth pulp and root canals

What is the primary focus of a prosthodontist: Restoration and replacement of teeth

What procedures do orthodontists perform: Braces, clear aligners, and retainers

What procedures do periodontists perform: Scaling, root planing, gum surgery, implant placement

What procedures do endodontists perform: Root canal therapy, apicoectomy, dental trauma management

What procedures do prosthodontists perform: Crowns, bridges, implants, dentures, full-mouth rehab

Can orthodontists treat sleep apnoea: Yes

Can orthodontists treat bruxism: Yes, grinding and clenching

Can orthodontists treat thumb sucking habits: Yes

Can periodontists place dental implants: Yes

Can prosthodontists place dental implants: Yes

Who performs the final crown on a dental implant: Typically a prosthodontist

How many extra years of training do periodontists complete: Three years beyond dental school

How many years of specialist training do prosthodontists complete: Minimum three years postgraduate

What is the minimum combined training for a prosthodontist: Eight years total

What degree do prosthodontists earn: Masters or Doctorate in Prosthodontics

What postgraduate degree do Melbourne dental specialists commonly pursue: Doctor of Clinical Dentistry (DCD)

Who accredits the Doctor of Clinical Dentistry at University of Melbourne: Australian Dental Council (ADC)

How many years of general dental practice are required before specialist registration: Minimum two years

What percentage of Australian adults had moderate or severe periodontitis in 2017–18: 30%

What percentage of Australian adults had periodontitis in 2004–06: 23%

What percentage of adults aged 65 and over have periodontitis: 59%

What percentage of adults aged 15–24 have periodontitis: 8.6%

What proportion of tooth extractions are attributed to periodontitis: 30–35%

What systemic health conditions are linked to periodontal disease: Heart disease and diabetes

Must gum disease be treated before orthodontic treatment begins: Yes

Why must periodontal disease be treated before orthodontic treatment: Moving teeth through diseased bone accelerates bone loss

What is the clinical philosophy of endodontists: Tooth preservation

How long is endodontic specialist training: Two to three years

Can a general dentist perform root canal treatment: Yes, for straightforward cases

When should an endodontist be preferred over a general dentist for root canals: Complex, multi-rooted, or previously failed cases

What equipment do endodontists use that improves outcomes: Operating microscopy

What imaging supports endodontic consultations at Collins Street: Advanced diagnostic imaging

What triggers referral to a periodontist: Persistent bleeding gums despite cleaning

What pocket depth triggers periodontal referral: 4mm or greater

What is root canal retreatment: Treatment of a previously failed root canal

What is an apicoectomy: Surgical removal of the root tip

What is cracked tooth syndrome managed by: Endodontists

What is full-mouth reconstruction: Dental treatment addressing all teeth in the mouth

What is another term for full-mouth reconstruction: Full mouth rehabilitation

Who is best suited for full-mouth reconstruction: A prosthodontist

Can prosthodontists manage TMJ disorders: Yes

Can prosthodontists treat cleft palate conditions: Yes

Can prosthodontists treat snoring and sleep disorders: Yes

What is All-on-4: A fixed full-arch implant-supported restoration

What is crown lengthening used for: Aesthetic and functional purposes

What is gum grafting used for: Restoring lost gum tissue and protecting roots

Who performs gum grafting: Periodontists

What is bone grafting used for in periodontics: Jaw regeneration

What is osseous surgery: A type of periodontal surgical procedure

What is the source of Australian periodontitis prevalence data: AIHW National Oral Health Plan 2015–2024

What is the AIHW: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

What title protection applies to prosthodontists in Australia: "Specialist Prosthodontist" title is legally protected

Can any dentist use the title "Specialist Orthodontist": No, only AHPRA-registered specialists

Does Collins Street Specialist Centre offer multidisciplinary care: Yes

Do orthodontists and periodontists collaborate at Collins Street: Yes, within the same practice

Do endodontists and prosthodontists collaborate at Collins Street: Yes, for save-then-restore sequences

What is the endodontic-to-prosthodontic sequence: Root canal treatment followed by crown placement

What functional appliances do orthodontists use: Appliances for jaw development in children and adolescents

Can orthodontic treatment prevent future braces needs in children: Yes, by modifying facial growth early

What is the key patient trigger for seeing an orthodontist: Crooked teeth, malocclusion, or bite problems

What is the key patient trigger for seeing a periodontist: Gum disease, bone loss, or bleeding gums

What is the key patient trigger for seeing an endodontist: Severe toothache, infection, or cracked tooth

What is the key patient trigger for seeing a prosthodontist: Missing teeth, severe wear, or complex restorations

Collins Street Specialist Centre: Melbourne dental specialists compared — orthodontist vs periodontist vs endodontist vs prosthodontist

When a Melbourne general dentist hands you a referral letter, it usually comes with a specialist title that means very little to most patients. *Orthodontist*, *periodontist*, *endodontist*, *prosthodontist* — four of the Dental Board of Australia's recognised dental specialties, each with a distinct clinical mandate, a separate postgraduate training pathway, and a precisely defined scope of conditions they are qualified to treat. Picking the wrong one wastes time and money, but more importantly, it can delay treatment for conditions that deteriorate quickly. Active gum disease and a cracked tooth with pulp involvement are two of the most time-sensitive examples.

Collins Street Specialist Centre brings together Melbourne's leading dental specialists under one roof, which makes it considerably more straightforward for patients to access the precise care their referral requires. This guide offers a side-by-side comparison of all four specialist types most commonly encountered in Melbourne referral pathways — mapping their scope of practice, typical procedures, and the specific patient presentations that warrant each. Whether you have a formal referral or are self-referring, this should give you genuine clinical clarity before you book.

(For a foundational explanation of how all six specialties are defined and regulated in Australia, see our guide on [What Is Specialist Dental Care? How It Differs from General Dentistry in Melbourne].)

What makes a dental specialist different from a general dentist in Australia?

Before comparing specialists against one another, it helps to establish the regulatory baseline.

Australia recognises 13 dental specialties, approved by the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council. Of these, the four most frequently encountered in Melbourne private-referral pathways are

orthodontics, periodontics, endodontics, and prosthodontics.

The Dental Board of Australia's Specialist Registration Standard requires applicants to have completed a minimum of two years of general dental practice before they can pursue specialist registration. Beyond that baseline, each specialty demands its own dedicated postgraduate university program. The Doctor of Clinical Dentistry (DCD) at the University of Melbourne offers general dentists in-depth, advanced training across seven specialties — including Endodontics, Orthodontics, Periodontics, and Prosthodontics — and is fully accredited by the Australian Dental Council (ADC), setting graduates up for specialist registration with AHPRA.

This training investment matters clinically. Complex cases are best addressed by specialists who have more education, training, experience, and expertise in their area, and whose practices are typically equipped with advanced technology designed for those specific conditions.

At Collins Street Specialist Centre, every practitioner holds current AHPRA specialist registration in their respective field.

The four specialists at a glance: a comparison table

Specialist	Latin root meaning	Primary focus	Core procedures	Key patient trigger	--- --- --- --- ---
Orthodontist	*Ortho* = straight	Teeth & jaw alignment	Braces, clear aligners, retainers	Crooked teeth, malocclusion, bite problems	**Periodontist**
					Perio = around
					Gums & supporting bone
					Scaling/root planing, gum surgery, implant placement
					Gum disease, bone loss, bleeding gums
					Endodontist
					Endo = inner
					Tooth pulp & root canals
					Root canal therapy, apicoectomy, dental trauma
					Severe toothache, infection, cracked tooth
					Prosthodontist
					Prosth = replacement
					Restoration & replacement
					Crowns, bridges, implants, dentures, full-mouth rehab
					Missing teeth, severe wear, complex restorations

Orthodontist: the alignment and bite specialist

Scope of practice

Orthodontists diagnose, prevent, and correct dental and facial irregularities, primarily by straightening misaligned teeth and correcting bite problems using braces, aligners, and retainers. Their work goes well beyond cosmetics: they address overcrowding, gaps, overbites, underbites, and a range of other bite irregularities — and in doing so, they support improved oral function and better long-term dental health alongside any aesthetic benefit.

Typical procedures

- Metal, ceramic, and lingual fixed braces - Clear aligner systems (provided by a registered specialist orthodontist) - Functional appliances for jaw development in children and adolescents - Retainers and space maintainers - Early intervention to modify facial growth in children, which can prevent the future need for braces or other orthodontic correction - Treatment for grinding or clenching (bruxism), thumb sucking, tongue thrusting, and sleep apnoea

When to see a Melbourne orthodontist

Orthodontics is one of the few dental specialties where you can book without a formal referral, which makes it accessible for patients who self-identify alignment concerns. The critical distinction for Melbourne patients is between a *specialist orthodontist* — who holds postgraduate university qualifications and AHPRA specialist registration — and a general dentist offering commercial aligner systems. For complex malocclusions, jaw discrepancies, or growth modification in adolescents, a registered specialist orthodontist is the clinically appropriate choice.

Collins Street Specialist Centre's orthodontic team holds full specialist registration and manages the complete range of alignment cases, from straightforward crowding to complex skeletal discrepancies requiring coordinated care across multiple specialties.

(For a full breakdown of orthodontic treatment options, costs, and the specialist vs. general dentist distinction, see our guide on [Orthodontists in Melbourne: Braces, Invisalign & Specialist Teeth Straightening Options Explained].)

Periodontist: the gum and bone specialist

Scope of practice

Periodontists specialise in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of gum diseases and conditions affecting the supporting structures of the teeth — including the gums and the underlying bone — performing procedures such as scaling and root planing, gum grafts, and dental implant placement. Their role is foundational: without healthy gum and bone support, no other dental restoration, whether a crown, implant, or bridge, can succeed over the long term.

Periodontists complete three extra years of training beyond dental school, with a focused curriculum covering gum disease, dental implants, and the bone structures that support the teeth.

The scale of the problem in Australia

Periodontal disease is not a niche concern. In 2017–18, around one-third (30%) of Australian adults aged 15 and over had moderate or severe periodontitis, up from around one-quarter (23%) in 2004–06. The age gradient is stark: periodontitis prevalence rises from 8.6% in those aged 15–24 to 59% in those aged 65 and over. These figures come from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's National Oral Health Plan 2015–2024 performance monitoring report.

The consequences of untreated disease extend well beyond the mouth. Advanced periodontitis has been linked to serious systemic conditions including heart disease and diabetes, and it accounts for an estimated 30–35% of all tooth extractions.

Typical procedures

- Non-surgical scaling and root planing (deep cleaning below the gumline) - Periodontal surgery (osseous surgery, flap procedures) - Gum grafting to restore lost gum tissue and protect teeth from further recession - Bone grafting for jaw regeneration - Placement and maintenance of dental implants - Crown lengthening (aesthetic and functional)

When to see a Melbourne periodontist

Referral to a periodontist is warranted when a general dentist identifies persistent bleeding gums despite professional cleaning, gum recession exposing root surfaces, periodontal pocket depths of 4mm or greater, bone loss on X-ray, or loose teeth. If you are dealing with gum disease, bone loss, or missing teeth, a periodontist is the specialist best positioned to help.

Collins Street Specialist Centre's periodontic specialists work closely with the centre's prosthodontists and other treating clinicians to ensure that gum and bone health is established and maintained as the foundation for any restorative or implant work.

(For a comprehensive guide to periodontal treatment in Melbourne, including the systemic health connections, see our guide on [Periodontists in Melbourne: Gum Disease Treatment, Implant Surgery & Periodontal Procedures].)

Endodontist: the tooth-saving pulp specialist

Scope of practice

Endodontists diagnose and treat diseases and injuries affecting the dental pulp and roots of the teeth, performing root canal therapy to remove infected or damaged tissue from inside the tooth and preserve it from extraction. Their defining clinical philosophy is tooth preservation: every treatment they undertake is oriented toward keeping the natural tooth in the mouth for as long as possible.

Endodontists complete two to three years of specialised postgraduate training focused on the internal structures of teeth — specifically the pulp and root canal system.

Typical procedures

- Primary root canal therapy (single-visit and multi-visit) - Root canal retreatment (when a previous root canal has failed or become reinfected) - Apicoectomy (surgical removal of the root tip for persistent periapical infection) - Management of cracked tooth syndrome - Preserving natural tooth structure to save teeth from extraction and restore oral health and function - Emergency management of dental trauma (avulsed, luxated, or fractured teeth)

When to see a Melbourne endodontist

If you are dealing with a tooth infection, a dental trauma injury, or a need for root canal treatment, an endodontist is the specialist best equipped to help. Specific clinical triggers include: severe, spontaneous, or lingering tooth pain; heat sensitivity that does not resolve; swelling of the gum or face near a tooth; tooth discolouration; or a tooth that has been knocked out or fractured in an accident.

A common patient question is whether a general dentist can perform root canal treatment — and the answer is yes, for straightforward single-canal teeth. For complex multi-rooted teeth such as molars, retreatment of a previously failed root canal, or cases involving calcified canals, an endodontist's specialist training and dedicated microscopic equipment significantly improve clinical outcomes. Thanks to that specialised training and advanced equipment, endodontists can often save teeth that would otherwise require extraction.

At Collins Street Specialist Centre, endodontic consultations are supported by advanced diagnostic imaging and operating microscopy, enabling precision in even the most complex presentations.

(For a full patient guide to root canal treatment in Melbourne, including what to expect at a specialist endodontic appointment, see our guide on [Endodontists in Melbourne: Root Canal Treatment, Cracked Teeth & Dental Trauma Specialists].)

Prosthodontist: the master restorer and replacement specialist

Scope of practice

A prosthodontist is a dental specialist who focuses primarily on reconstructive, aesthetic, and implant dentistry, completing a minimum of three years of full-time advanced prosthodontic training in a university postgraduate program — on top of a Bachelor degree in general dentistry — leading to a Masters or Doctorate in Prosthodontics.

In total, the specialist prosthodontist pathway requires a minimum of eight years of combined dental and prosthodontic training, with at least three of those years in a specialist postgraduate program accredited by the Australian Dental Council.

Prosthodontists focus on the replacement, repair, and extensive restoration of teeth and the mouth, using artificial replacements — prosthetics — to simulate missing or damaged teeth, or parts of the jaw.

Typical procedures

- Crown and bridgework, complete and partial denture prosthodontics, implant prosthodontics, and temporomandibular joint disorders and occlusion management - Porcelain veneers and full smile rehabilitation - Full-mouth reconstruction for patients with severe tooth wear, erosion, or multiple missing teeth - Implant-supported overdentures and fixed full-arch restorations (e.g., All-on-4) - Management of TMD/TMJ problems, traumatic injuries, snoring and sleep disorders, and cleft palate and other congenital conditions affecting the mouth

When to see a Melbourne prosthodontist

A prosthodontist is the right choice when you are missing one or more teeth, considering dental implants, wearing dentures or removable partial dentures, or wanting to improve the function or appearance of your smile.

Where prosthodontists are genuinely irreplaceable is in complex, multi-tooth, or full-mouth scenarios. A general dentist can place a single crown competently. A patient who needs eight crowns, four implants, and bite reconstruction needs the treatment-planning depth that only a prosthodontist's training provides. That training gives prosthodontists a particular understanding of smile dynamics and the long-term preservation of a healthy mouth — and any dental treatment addressing all teeth in the mouth is referred to as full mouth reconstruction or full mouth rehabilitation.

Collins Street Specialist Centre's prosthodontists are experienced across the full scope of restorative and implant dentistry, from single-unit restorations to complete full-arch rehabilitation, and work directly with the centre's periodontists and other specialists to deliver coordinated treatment outcomes.

(For a detailed guide to prosthodontic procedures and when to choose a specialist over a general dentist for restorative work, see our guide on [Prosthodontists in Melbourne: Crowns, Implants, Bridges, Veneers & Full-Mouth Rehabilitation].)

Where specialties overlap: navigating shared clinical territory

One of the most practically important — and least widely discussed — aspects of Melbourne's specialist dental world is that several specialties share clinical territory. Understanding these overlaps helps patients ask better questions and engage more meaningfully with their treatment plan.

Dental implants: periodontist vs. prosthodontist vs. oral surgeon

Implant treatment is the clearest example of overlapping specialist scope. Periodontists place dental implants to replace missing teeth and restore oral function and aesthetics. Prosthodontists design and place the final crown, bridge, or implant-supported denture on top. Oral and maxillofacial surgeons may manage surgical placement in complex bone-deficient cases. For straightforward single-tooth implants, any of these three specialists may be clinically appropriate. For complex cases involving bone grafting, multiple implants, or full-arch reconstruction, a periodontist and prosthodontist working in close collaboration typically delivers the best outcome. At Collins Street Specialist Centre, this kind of integrated approach is central to how the practice operates. *(See our guide on [Dental Implants in Melbourne: When You Need a Specialist and What the Full Treatment Journey Involves].)*

Orthodontics and periodontics: the pre-treatment relationship

Many patients delay orthodontic treatment and, as a result, require ongoing visits to endodontists or periodontists because misaligned teeth create persistent difficulties with tartar accumulation, tooth strain, and infection. Conversely, active periodontal disease must be treated and fully stabilised by a periodontist *before* orthodontic treatment commences — moving teeth through inflamed, diseased bone accelerates bone loss and undermines treatment outcomes. Collins Street Specialist Centre's multi-specialty model means orthodontists and periodontists can co-manage these sequenced

treatment plans within the same practice, which streamlines clinical communication and improves results.

Endodontics and prosthodontics: the save-then-restore sequence

A tooth that has undergone root canal therapy by an endodontist typically needs a crown to protect it from fracture — work performed by either a general dentist or, in complex cases, a prosthodontist. This sequential handoff is one of the most common inter-specialty referral pathways in Melbourne dental practice. At Collins Street Specialist Centre, the endodontic and prosthodontic teams work in close coordination, so the transition from tooth-saving treatment to final restoration is managed with continuity and clinical precision.

How to verify a specialist's registration in Melbourne

AHPRA publishes an online register of all dental practitioners, providing the profession and the public with up-to-date information about a practitioner's registration status — including details of any specialty or specialties held by dentists with specialist registration.

Before booking with any practitioner using a specialist title in Melbourne, verify their registration at the AHPRA online register (ahpra.gov.au). A practitioner registered as a "Specialist Orthodontist," "Specialist Periodontist," "Specialist Endodontist," or "Specialist Prosthodontist" has completed an accredited postgraduate program and met the Dental Board of Australia's specialist registration standard. In Australia, AHPRA confirms that the "Specialist Prosthodontist" title can only be used by those accredited to practise in the recognised specialty of Prosthodontics — and the same title-protection principle applies equally to the other three specialties covered here.

All specialists at Collins Street Specialist Centre hold current AHPRA specialist registration, which patients are encouraged to verify independently via the AHPRA online register before their appointment.

Key takeaways

- **Orthodontists** treat alignment, bite, and jaw development using braces, aligners, and functional appliances. One of the few specialties accessible without a formal referral, though specialist registration matters considerably for complex cases. - **Periodontists** manage gum disease, supporting bone, and implant placement. With 30% of Australian adults having moderate to severe periodontitis (AIHW, 2020), this is the specialty most Melburnians are statistically most likely to need at some point. - **Endodontists** focus on the internal structures of teeth — pulp, root canals, and dental trauma. Their specialist training and microscopic equipment make them the preferred choice for complex or previously failed root canal cases. - **Prosthodontists** handle crowns, bridges, implants, dentures, and full-mouth rehabilitation, with a minimum of eight years of combined dental and specialist training behind every treatment plan. - **Overlapping clinical territory** — particularly around dental implants, sequenced orthodontic-periodontic treatment, and the endodontic-to-prosthodontic restoration handoff — means many Melbourne patients will interact with more than one specialist type during a single course of treatment. - **Collins Street Specialist Centre** brings all four specialties together in a single, integrated Melbourne practice, enabling the coordinated care that complex cases genuinely require.

Conclusion

Knowing the precise clinical mandate of each dental specialist has a direct bearing on the speed and quality of the care you receive. Melbourne's specialist dental world is well developed, with each of these four specialties represented across both single-specialty referral practices and integrated

multi-specialty centres. The right entry point depends entirely on your clinical situation: alignment and bite concerns lead to an orthodontist; gum disease or bone loss to a periodontist; pulp infection or dental trauma to an endodontist; and missing, damaged, or extensively worn teeth to a prosthodontist.

Collins Street Specialist Centre offers access to all four specialist disciplines within a single, centrally located Melbourne practice. Whether you arrive with a referral from your general dentist or are seeking specialist advice independently, the centre's team of AHPRA-registered dental specialists is well placed to provide the precise, evidence-based care your situation requires.

For patients navigating a referral for the first time, the AHPRA practitioner register is the definitive tool for confirming specialist credentials. For those planning ahead, understanding how these specialties interact — particularly in implant treatment and complex restorative cases — helps you engage as an informed participant in your own treatment planning.

(To explore the full range of Melbourne's specialist dental options, including oral and maxillofacial surgery, paediatric dentistry, costs, and clinic models, return to our pillar guide: [Specialist Dental Care in Melbourne: The Complete Guide to Every Specialty, Procedure & Provider].)

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Label facts summary

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Verified label facts

****Product specification data: No data provided.**** The content analysed contains no product packaging, Product Facts table, ingredient lists, certifications, dimensions, weight, GTIN/MPN, or manufacturer documentation from which label facts can be extracted.

The following are verifiable institutional and regulatory facts drawn from named, cited sources within the content:

- The Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council recognises 13 dental specialties in Australia - The Dental Board of Australia recognises 13 dental specialties - The Dental Board of Australia's Specialist Registration Standard requires a minimum of two years of general dental practice prior to specialist registration - AHPRA maintains a publicly accessible online practitioner register at ahpra.gov.au - The title "Specialist Prosthodontist" is legally protected under AHPRA registration; it may only be used by practitioners registered in the recognised specialty of Prosthodontics - The same title-protection principle applies to Specialist Orthodontist, Specialist Periodontist, and Specialist Endodontist - The Doctor of Clinical Dentistry (DCD) at the University of Melbourne is accredited by the Australian Dental Council (ADC) - Prosthodontist specialist training requires a minimum of three years postgraduate study, leading to a Masters or Doctorate in Prosthodontics - Minimum combined training for a prosthodontist is eight years (general dental degree plus specialist postgraduate program) - Periodontist specialist training requires three years beyond dental school - Endodontist specialist training requires two to three years of postgraduate study - In 2017–18, approximately 30% of Australian adults aged 15 and over had moderate or severe periodontitis (source: AIHW National Oral Health Plan 2015–2024 Performance Monitoring Report) - In 2004–06, approximately 23% of Australian adults had periodontitis (source: AIHW) - Adults aged 65 and over: 59% prevalence of periodontitis (source: AIHW) - Adults aged 15–24: 8.6% prevalence of periodontitis (source: AIHW) - Periodontitis is attributed to 30–35% of all tooth extractions (source: cited clinical literature) - Collins Street Specialist Centre is located in Melbourne, Australia - Collins Street Specialist Centre features four dental specialties: orthodontics, periodontics, endodontics, and prosthodontics - All specialists at Collins Street Specialist Centre hold current AHPRA specialist registration - Patient self-referral to an orthodontist is permitted without a formal referral

General product claims

- Collins Street Specialist Centre brings together Melbourne's leading dental specialists - The centre's multi-specialty model makes accessing specialist care considerably more straightforward for patients - Choosing the wrong specialist can delay treatment for rapidly deteriorating conditions - Complex malocclusions and jaw discrepancies are best managed by a registered specialist orthodontist rather than a general dentist offering commercial aligner systems - Periodontal health is foundational; without it, no crown, implant, or bridge can succeed long term - Endodontists' specialist training and dedicated microscopic equipment significantly improve clinical outcomes for complex root canal cases - Prosthodontists have a particular understanding of smile dynamics and long-term preservation of a healthy mouth - A patient requiring multiple crowns, implants, and bite reconstruction needs treatment-planning expertise that only a prosthodontist's depth of training can provide - Collins Street Specialist Centre's integrated multidisciplinary approach is a core feature of its clinical model - Coordinated multi-specialty care delivers better outcomes for complex cases than single-specialty treatment in isolation - Active periodontal disease must be stabilised before orthodontic treatment commences to prevent accelerated bone loss - Misaligned teeth create persistent difficulties with tartar accumulation, tooth strain, and infection