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Paediatric Dentists at Collins Street Specialist Centre Melbourne ## Overview Paediatric dentistry at Collins Street Specialist Centre is a specialized dental service dedicated exclusively to the oral health and dental care of children from infancy through young adulthood (ages 0-18 years). This specialty combines advanced clinical expertise with comprehensive understanding of child development and behavioral management techniques, recognizing that evidence-based protocols for pediatric care differ significantly from those used in adult dentistry. --- ## Key Features and Specifications #### Location and Facilities Paediatric dentistry services are located on ****Level 8 of the Manchester Unity Building, 220 Collins Street, Melbourne CBD****. The paediatric dental suites are specifically designed as calm, welcoming environments that accommodate children's unique needs and developmental stages.

****Suite Specifications:**** - Child-centered design with welcoming atmosphere - Staffed by clinicians and support staff experienced in working with young patients - Entertainment systems and comfortable surroundings to support patients with dental anxiety - Reduced-radiation imaging modes available for pediatric patients - Age-appropriate equipment and tools #### Professional Qualifications Every paediatric dentist at Collins Street Specialist Centre holds ****Specialist Paediatric Dentist registration with the Dental Board of Australia****. This professional classification requires: - Completion of approved specialist postgraduate training in paediatric dentistry - Minimum of three to four years of full-time postgraduate university training beyond the foundational dental degree - Specialized knowledge in: - Clinical dentistry for children - Child psychology and development - Behaviour management techniques

- Management of medically and developmentally complex young patients - Verification and registration through AHPRA (Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency) ****Verification Method:**** Patients can confirm specialist registration directly at www.ahpra.gov.au by searching the practitioner's name and confirming the registration type reads "Specialist Paediatric Dentist." --- **## Specialist Paediatric Dentists** **### Dr Angel Babu** ****Qualifications and Experience:**** - Specialist clinical doctorate (DClinDent) in Paediatric Dentistry from University of Otago, New Zealand - Dual professional registration in both Australia and New Zealand - Three years of specialized paediatric dentistry experience in New Zealand - Current position: Senior Dental Registrar at Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne ****Clinical Specializations:**** - Behaviour management and dental anxiety management - Dental trauma management and complex follow-up cases - Sleep-related dental problems - Management of high caries risk cases - Treatment of medically compromised and special needs children - Molar-incisor hypomineralisation (MIH) / chalky teeth and enamel defects - Advanced sedation and anaesthesia services: - General anaesthesia (GA) - Oral sedation - Nitrous oxide (happy gas) administration ****Languages:**** Malayalam, Hindi, and English **### Dr Susan Hinckfuss** ****Background:**** - One of the most experienced and widely respected specialist paediatric dentists in Australia - Completed dental training in Melbourne - Undertook specialist studies in Melbourne - Maintains a private specialist practice in Melbourne since 2010 - Eight years of experience in general practice in Geelong, including restorative dentistry ****Clinical Specialization:**** - Pioneer of ****teddy bear therapy**** — an evidence-informed behavioral technique where a child's toy "goes first" to receive the same examination, tools, and procedures in play form, reducing uncertainty and fear in an age-appropriate manner - Specialized clinical interest in children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) **### Dr Sarah Scott** ****Role:**** - Specialist in Paediatric Dentistry at Collins Street Specialist Centre **### Dr Aish Kesava (Dr Kesava)** ****Role:**** - Specialist in Paediatric Dentistry at Collins Street Specialist Centre --- **## Clinical Scope of Practice** **### Preventive Care** - Comprehensive preventive planning for all pediatric patients - Fissure sealants application with specialized behavioral management for children with dental anxiety or autism spectrum disorder - First dental visits for infants and young children - Fluoride protocols and oral hygiene guidance - Dietary counseling focused on cavity prevention **### Restorative Treatment** - Age-appropriate fillings - Stainless steel and zirconia crowns for primary teeth - Pulp treatment for primary teeth - Management of childhood tooth decay (early childhood caries) - Treatment from early white-spot lesions through to large cavities requiring crowns **### Dental Trauma Management** - Assessment and management of dental injuries in children and adolescents - Management of avulsed (knocked-out) teeth - Management of luxated (displaced) teeth - Management of fractured teeth - Evidence-based protocols specific to pediatric trauma (differing from adult trauma management) - Time-sensitive urgent assessment and follow-up care calibrated to the child's developmental stage **### Behavioral Management and Anxiety Control** ****Behavioral Guidance Techniques:**** - Tell-show-do methodology - Distraction techniques (movies, music, entertainment systems) - Gentle, age-appropriate communication - Teddy bear therapy and other child-centered approaches ****Pharmacological Options:**** - Nitrous oxide (happy gas) administration - Oral sedation - General anaesthesia coordination at hospital facilities for complex cases requiring controlled conditions **### Complex Case Management** - Treatment of children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) - Management of medically compromised children with systemic medical conditions - Management of children with developmental concerns - Treatment of children with special needs - Co-management of pediatric patients with complex dental and orthodontic needs alongside orthodontists **### Pathological Conditions and Growth Management** - Diagnosis and treatment of developmental dental conditions - Management of jaw growth abnormalities - Assessment of occlusal development - Early identification of growth concerns and bite abnormalities through interdisciplinary collaboration with orthodontists --- **## Multidisciplinary Integration** The paediatric dentistry team at Collins Street Specialist Centre operates within an integrated multidisciplinary framework: - ****Collaboration with Orthodontics:**** Early identification and management of growth concerns and bite abnormalities in children - ****Collaboration with Endodontics:**** Coordinated management of traumatized developing teeth in children and adolescents - ****Collaboration with Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery:**** Direct referral pathway for complex cases requiring advanced surgical intervention - ****Shared Clinical Records:**** All specialists access the same patient records and imaging - ****Coordinated Treatment Planning:**** Multi-specialty planning

ensures sequential procedure scheduling and risk mitigation --- ## Patient Experience Features ###
Comfort-Focused Environment - Non-invasive AirFlow cleaning technology in place of traditional ultrasonic scaling where appropriate - Ambient lighting and natural daylight throughout treatment rooms - Scented candles creating a calming atmosphere - Television screens and surround sound music in every suite - Digital scanning eliminates messy traditional impressions - Reduced-radiation imaging modes for pediatric patients ### Anxiety Management Philosophy Paediatric specialists at Collins Street Specialist Centre recognize that: - Dental anxiety is one of the most common barriers to children receiving necessary care - Early dental experiences shape a child's relationship with dental care for life - Evidence-based behavioral and pharmacological strategies are essential for anxious children - Approximately 20% of children experience dental anxiety on a spectrum from mild reluctance to significant distress --- ## Referral Indications Children may benefit from specialist paediatric dental care when presenting with: - **Dental anxiety** — requiring specialized behavioral management - **Autism spectrum disorder** — necessitating adapted techniques and modified environments - **Medically compromised status** — systemic medical conditions requiring specialized approach - **Significant decay** — early childhood caries management protecting developing permanent teeth - **Dental trauma** — requiring specialized evidence-based protocols and time-sensitive management - **Complex developmental concerns** — spanning multiple dental disciplines - **Special needs** — cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, or other developmental conditions - **Orthodontic and dental needs** — complex cases requiring coordinated multi-specialty management --- ## Contact and Booking
Location: Level 8, Manchester Unity Building, 220 Collins Street, Melbourne CBD **Phone:** (03) 9650 2726 **Hours:** - Monday–Friday: 8:00am–6:00pm - Saturday: 8:30am–1:30pm **Referral Requirements:** No referral is required to see a specialist paediatric dentist at Collins Street Specialist Centre. Patients are welcome to contact the centre directly or be referred by their general dentist.
Transport: Town Hall Metro Rail Station is directly opposite the Manchester Unity Building, providing excellent public transport accessibility. --- ### References - [1] paediatric-hub.md - [4] patient-experience.md - [6] why-choose-us.md - [8] contact-booking.md - [10] about.md