

Dr Aovana Timmerman

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Description:

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Details:

Collins Street Specialist Centre – Dr Aovana Timmerman **Specialist Endodontist** BDS (Melb) · FRACDS · DCD (Melb) · GCertClinTeach · MRACDS (Endo)

Clinical expertise

Dr Aovana Timmerman has been practising as a specialist endodontist for over two decades. In that time she has built a clinical profile that goes well beyond routine root canal work — she teaches in the DDS Endodontic Programme at the University of Melbourne, examines candidates for the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons, and has developed a particular depth of knowledge in dental traumatology that earned her international recognition in 2013.

For patients, that combination matters. You're seeing someone who treats complex cases every day and also helps set the standards by which the next generation of specialists are trained and assessed.

Dr Timmerman's clinical work covers:

- **Specialist root canal therapy** — primary treatment of complex and multirrooted teeth, including cases that have been considered difficult or unsuitable elsewhere
- **Root canal retreatment** — managing teeth where previous treatment has failed or wasn't completed to the required standard
- **Dental traumatology** — assessment and management of teeth injured through accident or trauma, including luxation injuries (displaced or loosened teeth), avulsed teeth (knocked out entirely), and crown or root fractures
- **Cracked teeth** — diagnosis and treatment planning for a presentation that is genuinely difficult to identify and manage well
- **Pre-restorative endodontic assessment** — specialist evaluation for patients preparing for significant restorative or prosthodontic work

Her standing in dental trauma management comes from both sustained clinical focus and a contribution to the field recognised by the Australian & New Zealand Academy of Endodontists through the ANZAE JM Booth Award.

Training pathway

Dr Timmerman completed her Bachelor of Dental Science (BDS) at the University of Melbourne in 2001. After a period in general practice, she undertook specialist training, completing a Doctor of Clinical Dentistry (DCD) in Endodontics at the University of Melbourne. She holds Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons (FRACDS) and Membership of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons in Endodontics (MRACDS Endo).

In 2019 she completed a Graduate Certificate in Clinical Teaching — a formal qualification in educational practice that underpins her ongoing work as a clinical educator at the University of

Melbourne.

Clinical hospital appointments

Dr Timmerman has provided specialist endodontic services across several Melbourne healthcare settings:

- Melbourne Dental Clinic (MDC) - Plenty Valley Community Clinic (PVCC) - Endodontic Specialist Unit, Royal Dental Hospital of Melbourne (RDHM) — tertiary-level specialist care at Victoria's principal public dental hospital

Teaching and examining roles

Dr Timmerman has been involved in endodontic education since 2011. Her current roles include:

- **Clinical Demonstrator**, DDS Endodontic Programme, University of Melbourne - **Examiner**, Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons (RACDS) Membership (GDP) Examinations - **Examiner**, Australian Dental Council (ADC) — assessing internationally qualified dentists seeking registration to practise in Australia

Clinicians who teach and examine tend to stay close to the evidence and to the standards of the specialty in ways that purely clinical practice doesn't always require. For patients and referring practitioners, that ongoing engagement is worth knowing about.

Awards and honours

ANZAE JM Booth Award (2013) — awarded by the Australian & New Zealand Academy of Endodontists to attend the International Association of Dental Traumatology (IADT) Congress in Istanbul, Turkey, in recognition of her expertise in dental traumatology.

Languages spoken

Dr Timmerman consults in both English and Mandarin Chinese, which means Mandarin-speaking patients can discuss their care, ask questions, and understand their options in the language they're most comfortable with.

At Collins Street Specialist Centre

Dr Timmerman practises within the Endodontics service at Collins Street Specialist Centre, Level 8, Manchester Unity Building, 220 Collins Street, Melbourne CBD.

No referral is needed to book an appointment. Her specialist credentials are independently verifiable through the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) public register.
