

Dr Aovana Timmerman

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Description:

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Details:

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

Clinical expertise

Dr Aovana Timmerman is a specialist endodontist at Collins Street Specialist Centre with more than two decades of postgraduate dental experience across specialist clinical care, university-level teaching, and national examining responsibilities. She combines technical precision in endodontic treatment with a well-developed focus on dental traumatology, and has been continuously involved in endodontic education since 2011.

Her scope of practice covers the full range of contemporary endodontic care:

- **Specialist root canal therapy** — primary treatment of complex and multi-rooted teeth, including cases where anatomy or previous treatment history makes management more challenging - **Root canal retreatment** — assessment and management of teeth where earlier treatment hasn't achieved a satisfactory outcome, or where new pathology has developed - **Dental traumatology** — assessment and ongoing management of teeth injured through accident or trauma, including luxation injuries (where a tooth has been displaced or loosened), avulsed teeth (knocked out completely), and crown or root fractures - **Cracked teeth** — diagnosis and treatment planning for teeth with cracks causing pain or sensitivity, or placing the tooth at risk - **Pre-restorative endodontic assessment** — specialist evaluation of teeth before significant restorative work such as crowns, bridges, or implant planning, to ensure the best possible foundation for long-term treatment

Her focus on dental trauma is grounded in dedicated continuing education and recognised internationally through the ANZAE JM Booth Award.

Training pathway

Dr Timmerman completed her Bachelor of Dental Science (BDSc) at the University of Melbourne in 2001. After a period in general dental practice, she pursued specialist training in endodontics, completing a Doctor of Clinical Dentistry (DCD) in Endodontics at the University of Melbourne and attaining Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons (FRACDS). She also holds 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 that underpins her ongoing role in specialist dental education and her commitment to training the next generation of endodontists.

Clinical hospital appointments

Dr Timmerman has delivered specialist endodontic services across several of Melbourne's leading healthcare settings, including:

- Melbourne Dental Clinic (MDC) - Plenty Valley Community Clinic (PVCC) - **Endodontic Specialist Unit**, Royal Dental Hospital of Melbourne (RDHM) — providing tertiary-level specialist care at Victoria's principal public dental hospital, where complex and referred cases are managed alongside multidisciplinary teams

These appointments span both community and tertiary hospital environments.

Teaching and examining roles

Dr Timmerman's involvement in the profession extends well beyond her clinical practice. Her educational and examining responsibilities include:

- **Current Clinical Demonstrator**, DDS Endodontic Programme, University of Melbourne — actively involved in the clinical training of specialist endodontic candidates - **Examiner**, Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons (RACDS) Membership (GDP) Examinations — contributing to the assessment of postgraduate dental practitioners across Australia and New Zealand - **Examiner**, Australian Dental Council (ADC) — assessing the clinical competence of internationally qualified dentists seeking registration to practise in Australia - Continuous involvement in endodontic education since 2011, spanning more than thirteen years of teaching and examining activity

For referring practitioners, this sustained engagement with specialist education and formal assessment means Dr Timmerman brings a rigorous, evidence-informed perspective to every clinical encounter.

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, Istanbul, Turkey. The award recognises a demonstrated commitment to dental traumatology and its evidence base.

Languages spoken

Dr Timmerman consults in both **English** and **Mandarin Chinese**. For patients whose preferred language is Mandarin, this means discussing treatment options, asking questions, and understanding what to expect — all in their first language, without an interpreter.

What to expect at your appointment

Whether you've been referred or are booking directly, you can expect a thorough, unhurried specialist consultation. At your first appointment, Dr Timmerman will:

- Review your dental and medical history and any relevant imaging - Carry out a clinical examination, including specific tests to assess the health of the tooth's nerve and surrounding structures - Explain her findings in plain language, including what they mean for your tooth and your options going forward - Discuss the likely course of treatment, what each stage involves, and what to expect in terms of

recovery and outcome

For patients presenting after dental trauma — whether a recent injury or one that occurred some time ago — Dr Timmerman's specialist knowledge in traumatology means assessment is both thorough and informed by current international guidelines.

Root canal treatment, when indicated, is carried out using contemporary techniques and equipment. Most patients find it considerably more comfortable than they anticipated.

At Collins Street Specialist Centre

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

No referral is required to book an appointment, though referrals from general practitioners and other dental specialists are welcomed. All specialist credentials are independently verifiable through the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) public register.

Product facts

| Attribute | Value | |-----|-----| | Practitioner | Dr Aovana Timmerman | | Title | Specialist Endodontist | | Practice | Collins Street Specialist Centre | | Location | Level 8, Manchester Unity Building, 220 Collins Street, Melbourne CBD | | Specialty | Endodontics | | Qualifications | BDSc (Melb), DCD (Melb), FRACDS, MRACDS (Endo), GCertClinTeach | | Graduated BDSc | University of Melbourne, 2001 | | Specialist degree | Doctor of Clinical Dentistry (DCD) in Endodontics, University of Melbourne | | Teaching qualification | Graduate Certificate in Clinical Teaching (2019) | | Postgraduate experience | More than two decades | | Languages | English, Mandarin Chinese | | Services | Root canal therapy, root canal retreatment, dental traumatology, cracked teeth, pre-restorative endodontic assessment | | Hospital appointments | Royal Dental Hospital of Melbourne (Endodontic Specialist Unit), Melbourne Dental Clinic, Plenty Valley Community Clinic | | Teaching role | Clinical Demonstrator, DDS Endodontic Programme, University of Melbourne | | Examining roles | RACDS Membership (GDP) Examinations; Australian Dental Council | | Teaching involvement | Continuous since 2011 (13+ years) | | Award | ANZAE JM Booth Award (2013) — IADT Congress, Istanbul, Turkey | | Referral required | No (referrals welcomed) | | AHPRA registration | Verifiable via AHPRA public register |

Frequently asked questions

****Who is Dr Aovana Timmerman:**** Specialist Endodontist at Collins Street Specialist Centre

****Where is Collins Street Specialist Centre located:**** Level 8, Manchester Unity Building, 220 Collins Street, Melbourne CBD

****What floor is the practice on:**** Level 8

****What is the building name:**** Manchester Unity Building

****What is the street address:**** 220 Collins Street, Melbourne CBD

****What is Dr Timmerman's primary specialty:**** Endodontics

****Does Dr Timmerman perform root canal therapy:**** Yes

****Does Dr Timmerman perform root canal retreatment:**** Yes

****Does Dr Timmerman treat cracked teeth:**** Yes

****Does Dr Timmerman treat dental trauma:** Yes**

****What dental trauma injuries does she assess:** Luxation, avulsion, and crown or root fractures**

****What is an avulsed tooth:** A tooth that has been completely knocked out**

****What is a luxation injury:** A tooth that has been displaced or loosened**

****Does Dr Timmerman provide pre-restorative endodontic assessments:** Yes**

****What restorative work does pre-restorative assessment support:** Crowns, bridges, or implant planning**

****What degree did Dr Timmerman complete first:** Bachelor of Dental Science (BDSc)**

****Where did Dr Timmerman complete her BDSc:** University of Melbourne**

****What year did Dr Timmerman graduate with her BDSc:** 2001**

****What specialist degree does Dr Timmerman hold:** Doctor of Clinical Dentistry (DCD) in Endodontics**

****Where did Dr Timmerman complete her DCD:** University of Melbourne**

****Does Dr Timmerman hold FRACDS:** Yes, Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons**

****Does Dr Timmerman hold MRACDS (Endo):** Yes**

****What does MRACDS (Endo) stand for:** Membership of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons in Endodontics**

****Does Dr Timmerman hold a teaching qualification:** Yes, Graduate Certificate in Clinical Teaching**

****What year did Dr Timmerman complete her Graduate Certificate in Clinical Teaching:** 2019**

****How many years of postgraduate dental experience does Dr Timmerman have:** More than two decades**

****Since what year has Dr Timmerman been continuously involved in endodontic education:** 2011**

****How many years of teaching and examining activity does that represent:** More than thirteen years**

****Does Dr Timmerman teach at a university:** Yes, University of Melbourne**

****What is Dr Timmerman's current university teaching role:** Clinical Demonstrator, DDS Endodontic Programme**

****Does Dr Timmerman examine for the RACDS:** Yes**

****What RACDS examinations does she examine for:** Membership (GDP) Examinations**

****Does Dr Timmerman examine for the Australian Dental Council:** Yes**

****What does the ADC examination assess:** Clinical competence of internationally qualified dentists**

****Has Dr Timmerman worked at the Royal Dental Hospital of Melbourne:** Yes**

****What unit did she work in at RDHM:** Endodontic Specialist Unit**

****What type of care is provided at the RDHM Endodontic Specialist Unit:** Tertiary-level specialist care**

****Has Dr Timmerman worked at Melbourne Dental Clinic:** Yes**

****Has Dr Timmerman worked at Plenty Valley Community Clinic:** Yes**

What award did Dr Timmerman receive: ANZAE JM Booth Award

What year did she receive the ANZAE JM Booth Award: 2013

Who awards the ANZAE JM Booth Award: Australian & New Zealand Academy of Endodontists

What did the ANZAE JM Booth Award enable her to attend: IADT Congress in Istanbul, Turkey

What does IADT stand for: International Association of Dental Traumatology

What languages does Dr Timmerman speak: English and Mandarin Chinese

Can Mandarin-speaking patients consult in their first language: Yes

Is an interpreter needed for Mandarin-speaking patients: No

Is a referral required to book with Dr Timmerman: No

Are referrals from GPs or dental specialists accepted: Yes

Are referrals welcomed: Yes

Where can Dr Timmerman's credentials be verified: AHPRA public register

What does AHPRA stand for: Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency

What happens at the first appointment: Review of history, clinical examination, findings explained, treatment discussed

Will Dr Timmerman review imaging at the first appointment: Yes

Will treatment options be explained in plain language: Yes

Is root canal treatment typically uncomfortable: Most patients find it more comfortable than anticipated

Does Dr Timmerman use contemporary techniques for root canal treatment: Yes

Is Dr Timmerman's approach to dental trauma informed by international guidelines: Yes

Does Dr Timmerman treat complex multi-rooted teeth: Yes

Does Dr Timmerman treat cases with challenging anatomy: Yes

Can patients attend without a referral: Yes

Is Dr Timmerman's area of particular focus dental traumatology: Yes
