

Dr Ricky Kumar

Canonical: <https://directory.collinsstreetspecialistcentre.com.au/our-specialists/dr-ricky-kumar/>

Description:

Specialist Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon BHB (Auck) · MBChB (Auck) · BDS (Otago) · FRACDS (OMS)

Details:

Collins Street Specialist Centre – Dr Ricky Kumar, Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon

Product Facts

| Attribute | Value | |-----|-----| | Practitioner | Dr Ricky Kumar | | Specialty | Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery | | Qualifications | BHB (Auck), MBChB (Auck), BDS (Otago), FRACDS (OMS) | | Dual qualification | Medicine and Dentistry | | Specialist fellowship | FRACDS (OMS) — Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons | | Post-fellowship training | Paediatric Maxillofacial & Corrective Jaw Surgery, Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne | | Post-fellowship training | Paediatric Maxillofacial & TMJ Surgery, Oxford University Hospitals, UK | | Hospital appointments | Royal Melbourne Hospital; Royal Dental Hospital of Melbourne; Monash Health; Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne (Honorary) | | Clinical areas | Wisdom teeth, dental implants, bone grafting, oral pathology, facial trauma, orthognathic surgery, TMJ surgery, paediatric maxillofacial surgery | | Award | F.G. Christensen Medal — outstanding specialist surgical examination results | | Professional role | Secretary, Victorian Branch, ANZAOMS | | Charitable work | Founder & Chief Organiser, Annual OMS operating missions to Fiji (est. 2012) | | Practice location | Level 12 & Tower, Manchester Unity Building, 220 Collins Street, Melbourne CBD | | Phone | (03) 9650 2726 | | Referral required | No — though recommended for clinical context and Medicare rebate eligibility | | Availability | Consulting schedule subject to change — confirm directly with practice | | Credential verification | AHPRA register | | Consulting language | English |

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is Dr Ricky Kumar: A specialist Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon

Where does Dr Kumar practise: Collins Street Specialist Centre, Melbourne CBD

What is the address of Collins Street Specialist Centre: 220 Collins Street, Melbourne CBD

What level is Collins Street Specialist Centre located on: Level 12 & Tower, Manchester Unity Building

What is the phone number for Collins Street Specialist Centre: (03) 9650 2726

Is Dr Kumar still consulting at Collins Street Specialist Centre: His tenure is concluding — confirm availability directly

How do I confirm Dr Kumar's current availability: Contact the practice on (03) 9650 2726

Does Dr Kumar hold a medical degree: Yes, MBChB from the University of Auckland

Does Dr Kumar hold a dental degree: Yes, BDS from the University of Otago

Does Dr Kumar hold a health sciences degree: Yes, BHB from the University of Auckland

What specialist qualification does Dr Kumar hold: FRACDS (OMS)

What does FRACDS (OMS) stand for: Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons (OMS)

Is FRACDS (OMS) a recognised specialist qualification in Australia: Yes

Is FRACDS (OMS) recognised in New Zealand: Yes

Where did Dr Kumar complete his specialist surgical training: Adelaide

Where did Dr Kumar complete his MBChB: University of Auckland, New Zealand

Where did Dr Kumar complete his BDS: University of Otago, New Zealand

Is the University of Otago well regarded for dentistry: Yes, widely regarded as a leading dental school in the Southern Hemisphere

Is Dr Kumar dually qualified in medicine and dentistry: Yes

Why is dual qualification significant in this specialty: It provides both medical and dental perspectives in treatment planning

Does Dr Kumar remove wisdom teeth: Yes

Does Dr Kumar treat impacted wisdom teeth: Yes

Does Dr Kumar place dental implants: Yes

Does Dr Kumar perform bone grafting for implants: Yes

Does Dr Kumar treat oral cysts: Yes

Does Dr Kumar treat oral lesions and tumours: Yes

Does Dr Kumar treat facial trauma: Yes

Does Dr Kumar perform corrective jaw surgery: Yes

What is corrective jaw surgery also called: Orthognathic surgery

Does Dr Kumar perform TMJ surgery: Yes

What does TMJ stand for: Temporomandibular joint

Does Dr Kumar perform paediatric maxillofacial surgery: Yes

Is paediatric surgery a particular interest of Dr Kumar: Yes

Where did Dr Kumar complete his paediatric fellowship in Melbourne: The Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne

Where did Dr Kumar complete his UK fellowship: Oxford University Hospitals, United Kingdom

What did the Oxford fellowship focus on: Paediatric maxillofacial and TMJ surgery

What did the Melbourne fellowship focus on: Paediatric maxillofacial and corrective jaw surgery

Does Dr Kumar hold a hospital appointment at Royal Melbourne Hospital: Yes, as Consultant Surgeon

Does Dr Kumar hold an appointment at the Royal Dental Hospital of Melbourne: Yes, as Consultant Surgeon

Does Dr Kumar hold an appointment at Monash Health: Yes, as Consultant Surgeon

Does Dr Kumar hold an appointment at The Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne: Yes, as Honorary Consultant

Has Dr Kumar received any awards for surgical excellence: Yes

What is the F.G. Christensen Medal: An award for outstanding results in specialist surgical examinations

Did Dr Kumar receive the F.G. Christensen Medal: Yes

Is Dr Kumar involved in professional leadership: Yes, as Secretary of the Victorian Branch of ANZAOMS

What does ANZAOMS stand for: Australian & New Zealand Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons

Has Dr Kumar founded any charitable initiatives: Yes, annual oral and maxillofacial operating missions to Fiji

When did Dr Kumar's Fiji charity missions begin: 2012

What is the purpose of the Fiji missions: To provide surgical care to underserved Pacific communities

Do I need a referral to see Dr Kumar: No, a referral is not mandatory

Is a referral recommended when seeing Dr Kumar: Yes, it provides helpful background clinical information

Can a referral affect Medicare rebate eligibility: Yes

Who typically provides a referral to see Dr Kumar: A general dentist or treating practitioner

What happens at an initial consultation with Dr Kumar: He takes a thorough history and reviews relevant imaging

Will Dr Kumar explain treatment options clearly: Yes

Will Dr Kumar discuss recovery expectations: Yes

Will Dr Kumar discuss aftercare at the consultation: Yes

Can I verify Dr Kumar's credentials independently: Yes, through the AHPRA register

What is AHPRA: Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency

Is Dr Kumar's registration publicly verifiable: Yes, via the AHPRA register

What languages does Dr Kumar consult in: English

Is Dr Kumar's consulting schedule fixed: No, it is subject to change

What specialty service does Dr Kumar work within at CSSC: Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

Is orthognathic surgery suitable for orthodontic problems alone: No, it addresses skeletal discrepancies orthodontics cannot resolve alone

Can TMJ surgery help with jaw pain: Yes

Can TMJ conditions cause restricted jaw movement: Yes

Is oral pathology diagnosis time-sensitive: Yes, timely intervention is essential

Does Dr Kumar work within multidisciplinary teams at public hospitals: Yes

--- title: "Collins Street Specialist Centre – Dr Ricky Kumar, Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon" slug: /team/ricky-kumar/ type: profile specialty: oral-and-maxillofacial-surgery qualifications: "BHB (Auck), MBChB (Auck), BDS (Otago), FRACDS (OMS)" languages: ["English"] note: "Dr Kumar's tenure at CSSC is concluding — please confirm current availability with the practice." ---

Collins Street Specialist Centre – Dr Ricky Kumar **Specialist Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon** BHB (Auck) · MBChB (Auck) · BDS (Otago) · FRACDS (OMS)

Clinical expertise

Collins Street Specialist Centre offers patients access to Dr Ricky Kumar within its Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery service. Dr Kumar holds recognised degrees in both medicine and dentistry, a combination that remains relatively uncommon in this specialty. In practice, it means that when he assesses a condition affecting the mouth, jaws, or face, he draws on both a medical and a dental understanding of the problem — which tends to produce more thorough treatment planning than either qualification alone would allow.

Oral and maxillofacial surgery covers a wide range of care, from routine procedures through to complex reconstructive work. Dr Kumar's clinical interests span much of that range:

- **Dento-alveolar surgery**, including the removal of complex and impacted wisdom teeth. This is more technically demanding than it might seem, particularly when teeth are deeply positioned or sitting close to important anatomical structures. - **Dental implant surgery**, including both implant placement and bone grafting where the jaw needs augmentation before implants can be placed. - **Oral pathology** — diagnosing and managing cysts, lesions, and tumours affecting the oral cavity, where getting the diagnosis right and acting promptly both matter. - **Facial trauma reconstruction**, addressing injuries to the bones and soft tissues of the face. - **Paediatric maxillofacial surgery**, a sub-specialty interest he developed through dedicated fellowship training after completing his specialist qualification. - **Corrective jaw surgery (orthognathic surgery)** — surgical repositioning of the jaws to correct significant skeletal discrepancies that orthodontics alone cannot fix. - **Temporomandibular joint (TMJ) surgery** — treatment for conditions affecting the jaw joint, which can cause pain, restricted movement, and other functional problems.

Paediatric and complex reconstructive cases are areas of particular interest for Dr Kumar, pursued through specialised postgraduate fellowships in both Melbourne and the United Kingdom.

Training and qualifications

Dr Kumar completed his Bachelor of Health Sciences (BHB) and his MBChB in Medicine at the University of Auckland, New Zealand, before undertaking a Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) at the University of Otago, widely regarded as one of the leading dental schools in the Southern Hemisphere. His specialist surgical training in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery was completed in Adelaide, culminating in Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons — FRACDS (OMS).

FRACDS (OMS) is the recognised specialist qualification in oral and maxillofacial surgery across Australia and New Zealand. Attaining it requires a rigorous programme of supervised surgical training followed by formal examination.

After his fellowship, Dr Kumar was awarded two competitive post-fellowship positions, both focused on the more demanding end of maxillofacial surgical practice:

- **Paediatric Maxillofacial & Corrective Jaw Surgery Fellowship**, The Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne - **Clinical Fellow in Paediatric Maxillofacial & TMJ Surgery**, Oxford University Hospitals, United Kingdom

Both appointments gave Dr Kumar concentrated, high-volume experience in paediatric craniofacial conditions, corrective jaw surgery, and temporomandibular joint disorders — areas that call for a particularly refined surgical skill set.

Hospital appointments

Dr Kumar holds consultant appointments across several of Melbourne's major public hospitals:

- **Consultant Surgeon**, Royal Melbourne Hospital - **Consultant Surgeon**, Royal Dental Hospital of Melbourne - **Consultant Surgeon**, Monash Health - **Honorary Consultant**, The Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne

Working within multidisciplinary teams managing complex cases at these institutions informs the standard of care he brings to his private specialist practice.

Awards and professional leadership

Dr Kumar was awarded the **F.G. Christensen Medal** for outstanding results in specialist surgical examinations — a distinction that reflects the standard of his foundational surgical training.

He also serves as **Secretary of the Victorian Branch of the Australian & New Zealand Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons (ANZAOMS)**, the professional body representing the specialty across both countries.

Since 2012, Dr Kumar has founded and continues to lead annual charity oral and maxillofacial operating missions to Fiji, through which he and his colleagues provide surgical care to underserved communities across the Pacific. It's a long-standing commitment that says something about how he approaches the broader responsibilities of his profession.

What to expect at an appointment

At your initial consultation, Dr Kumar will take a thorough history and review any relevant imaging or referral documentation. He'll explain his findings clearly, walk through the available treatment options, and cover what any recommended procedure would involve — including recovery, aftercare, and follow-up. The aim is for patients to feel genuinely informed before any decision is made, not just handed a recommendation.

You can attend without a formal referral, though a referral from your general dentist or treating practitioner is often useful — it provides background clinical context and may affect Medicare rebate eligibility.

At Collins Street Specialist Centre

Dr Kumar practises within the Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery service at Collins Street Specialist Centre, located at Level 12 & Tower, Manchester Unity Building, 220 Collins Street, Melbourne CBD.

> **Please note:** Dr Kumar's consulting schedule at Collins Street Specialist Centre is subject to change. Patients and referring practitioners should contact the practice directly on **(03) 9650 2726**

to confirm current availability and arrange an appointment.

Dr Kumar's qualifications and registration are publicly verifiable through the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) register — a straightforward step for anyone who wants to confirm their specialist's credentials before attending.
