

About Collins Street Specialist Centre

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Collins Street Specialist Centre — Melbourne's home of all six dental specialties

Collins Street Specialist Centre is Melbourne's most comprehensive specialist dental facility, a single destination where patients can access all six registered dental specialties without leaving the building. Located on Level 8 and Level 12 of the Manchester Unity Building at 220 Collins Street, the practice has delivered specialist-level dental care to patients from across Melbourne, Victoria, and beyond for decades.

A different kind of specialist practice

For most Australians, navigating specialist dental care means navigating a fragmented system. A referring dentist sends you to an orthodontist in one suburb, a periodontist in another, and a prosthodontist somewhere else entirely. Coordination between those practitioners, if it happens at all, tends to occur slowly, by letter or phone call, with the patient left to manage the gaps in between.

Collins Street Specialist Centre was built on a different premise: that complex dental care is best delivered in a coordinated way, not a fragmented one. When all the relevant specialists practise within the same building, working from the same clinical records, reviewing the same imaging, and consulting directly with one another, the outcomes for patients are measurably better. Treatment timelines shorten. Referral pathways become cleaner. Patients are not lost between appointments.

It is worth being clear about what this practice is, and what it is not. Collins Street Specialist Centre is not a general dental clinic that happens to employ one or two specialists. Every practitioner holds Dental Board of Australia registration in a recognised dental specialty, a designation that requires a minimum of three to four additional years of postgraduate specialist training beyond the foundational dental degree. Patients and referring clinicians can verify any specialist's registration and qualifications directly through the [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA)](<https://www.ahpra.gov.au/>), which maintains a publicly searchable register.

All six dental specialties under one roof

Collins Street Specialist Centre is home to registered specialists across all six dental specialties recognised by the Dental Board of Australia. What follows is a brief overview of each specialty and the kinds of care it encompasses.

****Orthodontics**** addresses the alignment of teeth, the relationship between upper and lower bites, and the development of the jaws. The orthodontic team provides the full range of fixed and removable appliances, including Invisalign (Blue Diamond provider status), conventional braces, and lingual braces, for patients across all age groups, from children in early interceptive treatment through to adults seeking comprehensive correction.

****Endodontics**** covers the diagnosis and treatment of diseases affecting the dental pulp and the surrounding root tissues. In plain terms, this is the specialty responsible for root canal therapy, as well as the retreatment of previously treated teeth that have not healed as expected, the management of cracked teeth, and the assessment and treatment of dental trauma. Endodontists work to preserve natural teeth wherever this is clinically appropriate.

****Periodontics**** focuses on the structures that support the teeth: the gums, the underlying bone, and the periodontal ligament. Gum disease, which ranges from mild gingivitis through to advanced periodontitis with significant bone loss, is a core area of periodontic care. The periodontists here also perform dental implant surgery and carry out bone and soft tissue grafting procedures where the supporting architecture of the mouth needs to be rebuilt or augmented before restorative work can proceed.

****Prosthodontics**** addresses the restoration of teeth and dentitions that have been damaged, lost, or severely compromised. Crowns, bridges, veneers, dentures, implant-supported prosthetics, and full-mouth rehabilitation all fall within the prosthodontist's scope of practice. Where a patient's dental situation is complex, involving multiple missing teeth, significant wear, or several overlapping treatment needs, a prosthodontist provides the restorative planning expertise to bring the case together.

****Paediatric dentistry**** covers the dental care of children from infancy through to adolescence, with particular expertise in child behaviour management, monitoring of dental and jaw development, and the care of children presenting with dental anxiety, autism spectrum disorder, or complex medical histories. Early specialist input can be genuinely valuable, both in managing acute problems and in establishing the kind of positive dental experience that supports lifelong oral health.

****Oral and maxillofacial surgery**** is the most surgical of the dental specialties, and the most extensively trained. Practitioners hold dual qualifications in both dentistry and medicine, followed by a further four-year specialist surgical training programme. The scope is broad: wisdom tooth removal, corrective jaw surgery (orthognathic surgery), dental implant placement, the diagnosis and management of oral pathology, and the reconstruction of facial structures following trauma. Patients referred for surgical care at Collins Street Specialist Centre are under the care of a fully qualified specialist surgeon.

The Manchester Unity Building

The Manchester Unity Building is one of Melbourne's most recognised architectural landmarks. Completed in 1932 and designed by Marcus Barlow in the American Gothic Commercial style, the building has housed medical and allied health professionals since its earliest years of operation. Its heritage listing reflects its enduring significance to Melbourne's built environment.

For a specialist medical facility, practising within this building carries a particular meaning. Many patients approach specialist dental care with some degree of anxiety, and the building itself offers a form of reassurance that newer construction cannot replicate. The terrazzo floors, the ornate lobby, the prominent position on the corner of Collins and Swanston Streets: these things communicate, without words, that the work undertaken here has been taken seriously across generations. That history is not incidental to the practice. It is part of what it means to be treated at Collins Street Specialist Centre.

Our philosophy

Specialist dentistry is, at its core, a problem-solving discipline. The cases that reach this team, whether referred by a general dentist or brought directly by a patient, often arrive because the clinical situation is genuinely complex, because previous treatment has not achieved the hoped-for result, or because the level of expertise required is beyond what a general practice can reasonably provide.

The approach here is grounded in clinical evidence, built around genuine collaboration between specialists, and oriented firmly toward the long term. This is not a practice chasing quick cosmetic outcomes or recommending treatment beyond what a patient's clinical situation actually warrants. The aim, in every case, is to understand what the patient needs, coordinate care across specialties where the situation calls for it, and communicate clearly at every stage, with the patient and with the referring dentist who has entrusted their patient's care.

Referring clinicians can expect timely, detailed correspondence following each appointment, and a collaborative rather than transactional relationship with the team. A referral represents a significant act of professional trust, and that responsibility is taken seriously.

Patients do not require a referral to consult any specialist at Collins Street Specialist Centre. Those who arrive via referral from their general dentist and those who come directly receive the same standard of care. If you would like to confirm the specialist registration of any practitioner before your appointment, the AHPRA register is publicly accessible and straightforward to use.

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