

Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery at Collins Street Specialist Centre

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Description:

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Collins Street Specialist Centre – Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

The most specialised surgical care for your mouth, jaws, and face

Collins Street Specialist Centre is home to some of Melbourne's most highly credentialled oral and maxillofacial surgeons, offering the full breadth of surgical care for conditions affecting the mouth, jaws, and face. Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMS) is the most extensively trained surgical specialty in dentistry — and understanding what that means in practice is worth knowing before your first appointment.

Oral and maxillofacial surgeons complete both a dental degree and a medical degree, followed by a four-year surgical specialist training programme. From dental school entry, that's 15 to 17 years of continuous study and supervised clinical training. No other pathway in the dental professions comes close.

That depth of preparation equips OMS specialists to manage the full surgical range of conditions affecting the mouth, jaws, face, and skull base: from removing a straightforward impacted wisdom tooth through to correcting complex jaw deformities, reconstructing after facial cancer surgery, and treating significant traumatic facial injuries. The scope is broad because the anatomy is complex, and because these conditions sit at the intersection of dentistry and medicine in ways that demand both.

At Collins Street Specialist Centre, oral and maxillofacial surgical care is provided by clinicians of the highest standing. Our surgeons hold consulting appointments at major Melbourne teaching hospitals and carry the qualifications, fellowship credentials, and clinical experience expected of surgeons working at precisely that intersection. Patients can expect to be seen by specialists whose training and professional standing are verifiable, and whose clinical scope is genuinely comprehensive.

Our oral and maxillofacial surgical suites are located at ****Level 12 & Tower****, Manchester Unity Building, 220 Collins Street, Melbourne CBD.

Why see an oral and maxillofacial surgeon?

It's worth clarifying a distinction that causes genuine confusion. An oral surgeon — a dentist who has undertaken additional surgical training — and an oral and maxillofacial surgeon, who holds both a dental degree and a full medical degree alongside surgical specialty training, are not equivalent in scope or qualification. OMS specialists have the broadest surgical scope of any clinician practising

within the dental professions.

An OMS specialist is the appropriate referral for:

- **Complex wisdom teeth** — impacted third molars in close proximity to the inferior alveolar nerve, teeth with vertical or horizontal impaction, or cases where the risk profile warrants medical-surgical oversight
- **Corrective jaw surgery (orthognathic surgery)** — when the upper jaw, lower jaw, or both are significantly misaligned in size or position, and orthodontic treatment alone cannot resolve the discrepancy
- **TMJ surgery** — advanced temporomandibular joint disorders that haven't responded to conservative, non-surgical management
- **Dental implants with surgical complexity** — cases requiring significant bone grafting, sinus augmentation, or implant placement in anatomically challenging sites
- **Facial trauma** — fractures of the jaw, cheekbone, eye socket, or nasal bones require timely OMS assessment and, in most cases, surgical repair
- **Oral pathology** — cysts, tumours, and lesions within or around the jaw require accurate biopsy, histological diagnosis, and where indicated, surgical removal
- **Facial reconstruction** — patients who have undergone treatment for oral cancer, maxillofacial trauma, or congenital conditions may require reconstructive surgery to restore both form and function

If your general dentist or treating specialist has suggested a referral to an OMS surgeon, it's because the clinical situation warrants a level of training and scope that falls outside general dental practice — and often outside the scope of other dental specialists as well.

Treatments we offer

Our OMS specialists at Collins Street Specialist Centre manage the full surgical scope of oral and maxillofacial conditions. Each of the following links to a detailed page with further information about the condition, what surgical management involves, and what patients can expect at each stage of care.

Wisdom teeth removal

Most adults will have some or all of their third molars — wisdom teeth — become impacted. This means they're blocked from erupting normally by adjacent teeth, insufficient space in the jaw, or unfavourable angulation. Impacted wisdom teeth can cause pain, recurrent infection, crowding of adjacent teeth, cyst formation, and damage to neighbouring roots.

Our surgeons manage the full spectrum of impaction complexity, including teeth closely associated with the inferior alveolar nerve, where the risk of nerve involvement warrants careful three-dimensional assessment. We use cone beam computed tomography (CBCT) and digital planning to evaluate anatomy accurately and reduce procedural risk before the patient enters the operating suite.

→ [\[Wisdom Teeth\]/\(procedures/oral-maxillofacial-surgery/impacted-wisdom-teeth-removal/\)](/procedures/oral-maxillofacial-surgery/impacted-wisdom-teeth-removal/)

Dental implants (surgical placement)

The surgical phase of dental implant treatment — placing the titanium fixture within the jawbone — is the domain of oral surgeons and periodontists. Our OMS specialists manage implant surgery in complex anatomical situations: patients with significant bone deficiency, those requiring staged or simultaneous bone grafting, or cases where the overall risk profile warrants medical-surgical oversight throughout.

The goal is always to establish the conditions for a stable, long-term prosthetic outcome, which means surgical decisions are made with the final restoration in mind from the outset.

→ [\[Dental Implants \(Surgical\)\]/\(procedures/oral-maxillofacial-surgery/dental-implant-surgery-oral-maxillofacial-surgeon-perspective/\)](/procedures/oral-maxillofacial-surgery/dental-implant-surgery-oral-maxillofacial-surgeon-perspective/)

Orthognathic surgery (corrective jaw surgery)

When the upper and lower jaws are significantly mismatched in size or position — producing a severe underbite, overbite, open bite, or facial asymmetry — orthognathic surgery repositions one or both jaws to establish correct function and improved facial balance. This isn't cosmetic surgery in the conventional sense; it addresses a structural problem that affects how a patient chews, speaks, breathes, and carries themselves.

Orthognathic surgery is typically planned in close collaboration with a Specialist Orthodontist, who prepares the dentition before surgery and finalises alignment in the months that follow. At Collins Street Specialist Centre, both specialties are present within the one location, which allows seamless co-planning — including digital surgical simulation — from the earliest stages of treatment.

→ [Orthognathic Surgery](/procedures/oral-maxillofacial-surgery/orthognathic-surgery-corrective-jaw-surgery/)

TMJ surgery

The temporomandibular joint connects the lower jaw to the base of the skull and is responsible for all jaw movement: opening, closing, chewing, and speaking. TMJ disorders range from common muscle and joint dysfunction, which responds well to conservative management, through to severe joint degeneration, ankylosis (fusion of the joint), or condylar fractures that require direct surgical intervention.

Our surgeons assess and diagnose the full spectrum of TMJ pathology, and where surgery is indicated, they operate with the expertise and hospital-level experience that complex joint conditions require. They also work alongside pain specialists and physiotherapists to manage the patient as a whole.

→ [TMJ Surgery](/procedures/oral-maxillofacial-surgery/tmj-disorder-diagnosis-and-surgical-treatment/)

Bone grafting

Bone grafting in oral surgery covers a broad range of procedures, varying considerably in scale and complexity. At the simpler end: socket preservation following tooth extraction, or localised augmentation to prepare a site for implant placement. At the more complex end: block grafting for significant ridge deficiency, or guided bone regeneration involving barrier membranes and particulate graft material. Our surgeons manage the full range, including cases requiring bone harvested from multiple donor sites.

Understanding what bone grafting involves — and what to expect during healing — is an important part of planning any implant or reconstructive procedure. Patients are guided through this in detail at their consultation.

→ [Bone Grafting](/procedures/oral-maxillofacial-surgery/bone-grafting-oral-maxillofacial-surgery/)

Oral pathology

The mouth can be the site of a wide range of pathological conditions, some benign and manageable, others requiring prompt diagnosis and intervention. These include odontogenic cysts (dentigerous cysts, radicular cysts, and keratocysts), benign tumours, fibrous lesions, and potentially malignant lesions such as leukoplakia, erythroplakia, and oral squamous cell carcinoma.

Our surgeons perform biopsy, histological assessment, and surgical management of oral pathology, with direct pathways to hospital-based care for conditions requiring more extensive intervention. Any lesion that looks unusual, persists beyond two to three weeks, or comes with other symptoms warrants specialist assessment.

→ [Oral Pathology](/procedures/oral-maxillofacial-surgery/oral-pathology-cysts-tumours-biopsies/)

Facial trauma

Facial injuries — whether from motor vehicle accidents, sporting collisions, falls, or assault — can involve complex fractures of the mandible (lower jaw), maxilla (upper jaw), zygomatic arch (cheekbone), orbital floor, or nasal bones. Accurate diagnosis, timely assessment, and expert surgical repair are essential to restoring both function and appearance, and to avoiding long-term complications.

Our surgeons hold hospital consulting appointments and are experienced in managing facial trauma across a range of severity. Where the nature or urgency of an injury requires hospital-level care, we can facilitate appropriate referral pathways directly.

→ [\[Facial Trauma\]](#)(/procedures/oral-maxillofacial-surgery/facial-trauma-reconstruction/)

Who will provide my treatment?

Oral and maxillofacial surgical care at Collins Street Specialist Centre is provided by surgeons holding Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons (OMS) and dual medical and dental degrees. Patients are seen by credentialled specialists — not trainees or registrars operating under supervision.

A/Prof Patrishia Bordbar *BDS (Melb), MBBS (Hons) (Melb), PGDipSurg.Anat. (Melb), MDSc (OMS) (Melb), FRACDS (OMS), FRCS (Edinburgh)*

A/Prof Bordbar is one of Australia's most eminent oral and craniomaxillofacial surgeons. Her qualifications, held across the University of Melbourne, span dentistry, medicine (with Honours), surgical anatomy, and a specialist master's degree in oral and maxillofacial surgery. She is a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons (OMS) and a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh — a combination that reflects both the breadth and depth of her training.

Her academic appointments include Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Melbourne. She has served as Past President of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (ANZAOMS) and currently chairs the Asia-Pacific Oral and Maxillofacial Implant (AOMI) Board in Oceania.

A/Prof Bordbar holds Consultant Surgeon appointments at the Royal Children's Hospital and Western Hospital Melbourne. She established the Epworth/Monash Cranio-Maxillofacial Fellowship programme, a meaningful contribution to training the next generation of OMS specialists. She is the recipient of both the F.G. Christensen Medal and the John Cade Memorial Medal (MBBS).

Her clinical expertise covers the full breadth of OMS: wisdom teeth and dentoalveolar surgery, complex corrective jaw surgery (including cleft and craniofacial patients), digital and virtual surgical planning, facial trauma, oral pathology, paediatric maxillofacial surgery, obstructive sleep apnoea surgery, and complex implant surgery with grafting.

→ [\[View A/Prof Bordbar's Profile\]](#)(/about/our-approach-to-specialist-dental-care/)

Dr Ricky Kumar *BHB (Auck), MBChB (Auck), BDS (Otago), FRACDS (OMS)*

Dr Kumar holds dual medical and dental degrees from New Zealand institutions — a Bachelor of Biomedical Science and MBChB from the University of Auckland, and a Bachelor of Dental Surgery from the University of Otago — followed by specialist OMS training and Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons (OMS). He is also a recipient of the F.G. Christensen Medal.

Dr Kumar completed an OMS Fellowship at the Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne and at Oxford University Hospitals, and holds or has held Consultant appointments at the Royal Melbourne Hospital, Royal Dental Hospital of Melbourne, and Monash Health, with Honorary status at the Royal Children's Hospital.

His clinical scope covers the full range of OMS, including dentoalveolar surgery, implantology, oral pathology, facial trauma, paediatric maxillofacial surgery, and corrective jaw surgery. Since 2012, Dr Kumar has participated in humanitarian dental missions to Fiji — a commitment to access and equity in oral health that extends well beyond his specialist practice.

Please note: current roster information should be confirmed at the time of booking.

→ [View Dr Kumar's Profile](/dr-ricky-kumar/)

Multidisciplinary collaboration at Collins Street Specialist Centre

Oral and maxillofacial surgery is inherently collaborative. Most complex OMS procedures are planned and delivered in coordination with other specialists — and at Collins Street Specialist Centre, that collaboration happens across every relevant discipline, within a single location. For patients, this means continuity of care without the friction of managing relationships across separate practices.

****With Orthodontics:**** Orthognathic surgery requires orthodontic preparation before the procedure and orthodontic finishing in the months that follow. Our OMS surgeons and orthodontists co-plan these cases in detail — including digital surgical simulation — so that surgical and orthodontic goals are fully aligned from the first consultation. Patients get a unified treatment plan rather than two separate clinical agendas.

****With Periodontics:**** Complex implant cases requiring significant bone grafting, sinus augmentation, or placement in anatomically challenging sites may be managed by either our periodontists or our OMS surgeons, depending on the clinical situation. For cases involving concurrent periodontal disease, the two specialties collaborate on sequencing and risk management to ensure the implant is placed into a healthy environment.

****With Prosthodontics:**** The surgical phase of implant treatment must be planned around the prosthetic outcome — the crown, bridge, or full-arch prosthesis that will ultimately restore function and appearance. Our prosthodontists and OMS surgeons co-plan cases together, with prosthetic design informing surgical decisions about implant position, angulation, and the bone volume required for long-term stability.

****With Paediatric Dentistry:**** Paediatric patients presenting with jaw growth abnormalities, significant facial trauma, or oral pathology may be referred from our paediatric team directly to our OMS surgeons, who have specific experience in paediatric maxillofacial conditions — reflected in their consulting appointments at the Royal Children's Hospital.

****With Endodontics:**** When a tooth can't be preserved through specialist endodontic intervention, a direct internal pathway to our OMS team allows a seamless transition from attempted tooth preservation to surgical extraction and implant planning. Patients don't have to start again with a new practice or repeat their clinical history from scratch.

Confirming your specialist's registration

Oral and maxillofacial surgeons at Collins Street Specialist Centre are registered as Specialist Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons with the Dental Board of Australia. This registration category reflects the most extensively trained specialist pathway within the dental professions in Australia.

Patients are encouraged to verify their treating surgeon's registration independently before their first appointment. It takes only a few minutes.

****AHPRA Public Register:**** www.ahpra.gov.au

Search your surgeon's name and confirm that the registration type reads "Specialist Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon." If you have any questions about what you find, our team is happy to help.

Book an appointment

No referral is required to see an Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon at Collins Street Specialist Centre. You're welcome to contact us directly, or to attend with a referral from your general dentist or treating specialist. Where a referral is provided, we communicate findings and treatment progress back to the referring clinician as a matter of course.

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Town Hall Metro Rail Station is directly opposite the Manchester Unity Building, making the practice straightforward to reach by public transport via the City Loop.
