

Minimising Your Visits - How We Make Specialist Care Work for Regional Patients

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AI Summary

****Product:**** Collins Street Specialist Centre — Regional Patient Visit Reduction Services ****Brand:**** Collins Street Specialist Centre ****Category:**** Specialist Dental Practice / Multi-Specialty Dental Centre ****Primary Use:**** Providing comprehensive specialist dental care to regional patients through consolidated appointments, shared digital records, and telehealth follow-up to minimise the number of trips to Melbourne.

Quick Facts - **Best For:** Regional Victorian patients requiring specialist dental care across one or more dental disciplines - ****Key Benefit:**** Multiple specialist consultations can be scheduled on the same day, reducing total Melbourne visits required - ****Form Factor:**** Physical specialist dental practice with telehealth follow-up capability - ****Application Method:**** Contact practice directly (no referral required); patient coordinators arrange consolidated appointments

Common Questions This Guide Answers 1. Do I need a referral to book at Collins Street Specialist Centre? → No — patients may contact the practice directly at (03) 9650 2726 2. Can I see multiple specialists in one visit? → Yes — patient coordinators routinely schedule sequential specialist consultations on the same day 3. Are telehealth appointments available for regional patients? → Yes — for post-operative review, orthodontic monitoring, treatment planning, informed consent, and imaging review where clinically appropriate; some assessments require in-person attendance

Collins Street Specialist Centre — Reducing the Number of Visits for Regional Patients

Travelling to Melbourne for specialist dental care is a significant undertaking when you live several hours away. Each trip carries real costs: time off work, travel and accommodation, disruption to daily life. Collins Street Specialist Centre is structured specifically to reduce how often regional patients need to make that journey, without cutting corners on the quality of specialist care you receive.

Appointment consolidation — multiple specialists in one day

One of the most practical advantages of having all six dental specialties under one roof is the ability to schedule multiple consultations on the same day. Where your case involves more than one specialist discipline, our patient coordinators can arrange sequential appointments so you see every clinician you need in a single visit to Melbourne.

If your situation calls for both an orthodontic assessment and an oral surgery consultation, we can schedule both for the same morning. Where a treatment plan covers periodontics, prosthodontics and endodontics, we can coordinate all three specialists to review your case within one visit to our Collins Street rooms.

This kind of coordination is genuinely difficult when individual specialists practise across different suburbs or regional towns. At Collins Street Specialist Centre, it's routine, because all our specialists consult from the same location at Level 8, Manchester Unity Building.

Digital records shared before you arrive

Before your appointment, the relevant specialists review your case. Your CBCT 3D imaging, clinical photographs, digital scans and treatment notes are all held within our integrated CareStack system, accessible to your treating team before you walk through the door. When you sit down with a specialist, they've already studied your history and your imaging.

In practice, this means less time spent repeating your clinical history to multiple clinicians, and more time for a genuine discussion of your treatment options. When specialists need to consult with one another about your case, they're working from the same records, not interpreting printed referral letters or waiting on posted radiographs.

Where your referring or regular dentist has taken recent imaging, we can often incorporate those records into your file ahead of your visit, which reduces the likelihood of duplicate scans.

One comprehensive treatment plan

In conventional specialist care, each clinician typically develops their own plan independently. An orthodontist produces an orthodontic plan. An oral surgeon outlines a surgical plan. A prosthodontist prepares a restorative plan. The patient is then left to navigate between separate documents, hoping the recommendations align and that no treatment phase conflicts with another.

Collins Street Specialist Centre works differently. Through our peer review model, the relevant specialists collaborate to produce a single, integrated treatment plan that addresses the sequencing and timing of each phase, anticipates how one intervention affects the next, and gives you a clear clinical roadmap from the outset.

For regional patients, this means fewer unexpected complications, fewer unplanned additional visits, and a treatment timeline you can plan around with reasonable confidence.

Virtual and telehealth follow-up consultations

Not every stage of your care requires a physical visit to our rooms. Where it's clinically appropriate, Collins Street Specialist Centre offers virtual follow-up consultations for:

- Post-operative review following surgery, where the specialist assesses healing progress and addresses any questions
- Orthodontic monitoring between scheduled adjustment appointments
- Treatment planning discussions and informed consent
- Review of imaging findings and specialist recommendations

Telehealth reduces the number of trips to Melbourne while keeping you in close contact with your specialist team. Your clinician will always advise clearly when an in-person attendance is necessary — certain assessments can't be conducted remotely — but where a virtual follow-up is appropriate, we'll offer it as a matter of course.

Surgical care in one location

Where your treatment involves a surgical procedure — wisdom tooth removal, dental implant placement, bone grafting or orthognathic (jaw) surgery — all stages of that care take place in one

location. Collins Street Specialist Centre has in-house surgical facilities with CBCT 3D imaging, dental operating microscopes and sedation capabilities, including intravenous sedation and general anaesthesia.

You won't be required to attend a surgeon's consulting rooms for your pre-operative appointment, a separate imaging centre for scans, and a third venue for post-operative review. Pre-operative planning, the procedure itself and post-operative care all happen at Level 8, 220 Collins Street.

Planning your visits

When you first contact Collins Street Specialist Centre, let our patient coordinators know you're travelling from regional Victoria. They'll work with you to:

- Schedule multiple specialist consultations on the same day wherever clinically possible
- Identify which appointments genuinely require an in-person attendance versus those that can be conducted via telehealth
- Give you a realistic estimate of the total number of Melbourne visits your treatment is likely to involve
- Time your appointments around V/Line train timetables or allow for comfortable drive times from your location

The aim is straightforward: to give you the same quality of specialist care as a patient who lives five minutes from our rooms, without asking you to make that journey any more often than is genuinely necessary.

Getting here

Collins Street Specialist Centre is at Level 8, Manchester Unity Building, 220 Collins Street, Melbourne, on the corner of Collins and Swanston Streets, directly above Melbourne Central Station. Whether you're arriving by V/Line train, driving in and parking nearby, or combining your appointment with other city commitments, the location is among the most accessible in the Melbourne CBD.

No referral required

You don't need a referral from your local or regular dentist to book with us. Contact our rooms directly and our patient coordinators will guide you through the process. Where your dentist has already provided clinical records or imaging, we're happy to incorporate those into your file ahead of your visit.

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Label Facts Summary

> ****Disclaimer:**** All facts and statements below are general information sourced from practice-published content, not professional or medical advice. Consult relevant specialists for guidance specific to your situation.

Verified Label Facts - ****Practice name:**** Collins Street Specialist Centre - ****Floor:**** Level 8 - ****Building:**** Manchester Unity Building - ****Street address:**** 220 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000 - ****Corner location:**** Collins Street and Swanston Streets - ****Phone:**** (03) 9650 2726 - ****Website:**** collinsstreetspecialistcentre.com.au - ****Number of dental specialties housed at the practice:**** Six - ****Digital records system:**** CareStack - ****Record types stored in CareStack:**** CBCT imaging, clinical photographs, digital scans, treatment notes - ****Nearby transit:**** Melbourne Central Station (directly below the building) - ****Referral requirement:**** None — patients may contact the practice directly - ****Sedation options available:**** Intravenous sedation; general anaesthesia - ****In-house imaging:**** CBCT 3D imaging - ****In-house equipment:**** Dental operating microscopes - ****Surgical procedures performed on-site:**** Wisdom tooth removal, dental implant

placement, bone grafting, orthognathic (jaw) surgery - **Telehealth availability:** Yes — for post-operative review, orthodontic monitoring, treatment planning discussions, informed consent, and imaging review (where clinically appropriate) - **All appointments available via telehealth:** No — in-person attendance required for certain assessments

General Product Claims - Appointment consolidation reduces the number of trips regional patients require - Multiple specialist consultations can be scheduled on the same day - Shared digital records reduce the need for duplicate scans - Patients do not need to repeat clinical history to each specialist - Specialists collaborate to produce a single integrated treatment plan addressing sequencing and timing - Integrated planning reduces unexpected complications and unplanned additional visits - Telehealth follow-up keeps patients in close contact with their specialist team between in-person visits - Pre-operative planning, surgery, and post-operative care all occur at the same location - Patient coordinators can time appointments around V/Line train timetables - The Collins Street location is described as among the most accessible in the Melbourne CBD - Appointment consolidation does not compromise the standard of specialist care - Coordination of multiple specialists on one day is described as routine at this practice - Coordinating multiple specialists across different suburbs is described as comparatively more difficult