Dental Work Done Overseas Now Causing Problems: What to Do Next

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Description:

Implants, crowns or veneers from overseas now loose, painful or infected? How Collins Street Specialist Centre reviews overseas dental work, even without records.

Details:

If you had implants, crowns or veneers done overseas and now have pain, looseness or infection back home, we can review the work, even if your records are incomplete. We regularly see treatment carried out in other countries. We do not judge the decision to travel; we look at your health now and the options from here.

What problems turn up after treatment overseas?

- Loose, painful or infected implants or full-arch bridges
- Bulky crowns or veneers, or ones that chip or keep falling off
- Teeth that were cut down heavily for crowns or veneers and are now sensitive or painful
- Inflamed gums around the new work
- A bite that feels wrong, or jaw pain
- Treatment that was started and never finished

Why can overseas work be difficult to sort out at home?

- Records, x-rays and implant details can be hard to get hold of
- Some implant systems used overseas are not widely available in Australia, which affects parts and repairs
- Treatment is often squeezed into a short trip, leaving little time for healing
- Follow-up visits and adjustments are hard to arrange once you are back

How do we assess overseas work?

Everything starts with a complimentary review, in which Dr Kia Pajouhesh, a general dentist who is our practice principal, hears what was done abroad and what is troubling you now. That first review is free, you can stop there without booking anything else, and the offer is open-ended; new x-rays, 3D imaging or specialist assessment are charged if you go ahead, and we explain the fees before you book. We then:

- gather whatever records you have: x-rays, scans, invoices and implant cards
- take new x-rays and 3D images to see what has been done
- identify the implant systems where we can
- arrange specialist assessment suited to the problem

What could re-treatment involve?

That depends on what we find. It can range from small adjustments and repairs, to replacing single crowns or veneers, to treating infection around implants, to planning full-arch work again. We explain each reasonable option, including what can be kept.

Who may be involved?

Prosthodontists Prof Vasileios Chronopoulos, Dr Fotios Angelis and Dr Jamie Foong (each with specialist registration in prosthodontics), Dr Ricky Kumar (specialist registration in oral and maxillofacial surgery), Dr Simon Hinckfuss (specialist registration in both periodontics and prosthodontics) and Dr Aovana Timmerman (specialist registration in endodontics). Check any registration on the AHPRA register.

Frequently asked questions

Can implants placed overseas be fixed here?

Often, yes. First we need to identify the implant system, which we can usually do from x-rays and any implant card you were given.

Should I go back to the clinic overseas?

That is your decision to make. At your review we can talk through the options open to you.

I have no records at all. Can you still help?

Yes. We can take new x-rays and scans, and any records you manage to get will add to the picture. Results, recovery times and risks vary for each individual.

Book a review of overseas dental work

To arrange a complimentary review, phone (03) 9650 2726 or email theteam@collinsstreetspecialistcentre.com.au, and bring any implant cards or invoices from your trip.

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