

Why a Multidisciplinary Specialist Centre Beats Individual Specialists

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When you need dental specialist care, you have a choice. You can see individual specialists working in separate practices across different suburbs - or you can see a team of specialists who work together under one roof. The difference in experience and outcomes can be profound, particularly for complex cases.

Collins Street Specialist Centre (CSSC) brings all six dental specialties together at Level 8, Manchester Unity Building, 220 Collins Street, Melbourne. Here is why that matters for your treatment.

The Problem with Fragmented Specialist Care

Consider a patient who needs jaw surgery, orthodontics and prosthodontic restoration. In a fragmented model, this patient might:

1. See an orthodontist in one suburb who creates a braces plan
2. Visit an oral surgeon in another suburb who plans the jaw surgery
3. Consult a prosthodontist somewhere else for crowns and bridgework
4. Visit a separate imaging centre for their CBCT scan
5. Have surgery at a hospital where none of these specialists regularly work

Each specialist creates their own plan based on their own assessment. They communicate via referral letters - if at all. The patient becomes the project manager, carrying records between offices, trying to coordinate timelines, and hoping that what one specialist does will not conflict with what another specialist needs.

This model works for simple cases. For complex ones, it breaks down.

What Happens When Specialists Actually Talk to Each Other

At CSSC, the same case looks very different. The orthodontist, oral surgeon and prosthodontist:

- Review the patient's CBCT 3D imaging together
- Discuss the case in a peer review meeting
- Agree on the sequence and timing of treatment phases
- Share a common patient record system (CareStack)
- Adjust their individual plans to account for each other's requirements
- Monitor the patient's progress from a shared perspective

The prosthodontist knows where the orthodontist is moving the teeth. The surgeon knows where the implants need to end up. The orthodontist knows when to create space and when to close gaps. Everyone is working toward the same endpoint, because they have planned it together.

This is not a theoretical advantage. It translates directly to:

- Fewer unexpected complications - Shorter overall treatment time - Better aesthetic and functional results - Fewer total appointments - A treatment plan that actually makes sense as a whole

Real-World Examples

****Case 1: Implants and orthodontics**** A patient has two missing teeth and crowding. An isolated orthodontist might close all the gaps with braces, eliminating the implant sites. An isolated implant surgeon might place implants without knowing the orthodontist planned to move those teeth. At CSSC, the orthodontist and implant specialist agree in advance: create two specific spaces for implants, then align everything else around those spaces. One plan. One result.

****Case 2: Gum disease and full mouth rehabilitation**** A patient needs extensive crown and bridge work but also has moderate periodontal disease. If the prosthodontist starts placing crowns before the gum disease is controlled, those crowns sit on a failing foundation. At CSSC, the periodontist treats the gum disease first, the prosthodontist designs the final restorations to work with the treated gum architecture, and the endodontist handles any root canal treatment needed before the crowns are placed. The sequence matters, and it is planned together.

****Case 3: A child needing orthodontics and surgery**** A teenager has a severe underbite that requires jaw surgery. The orthodontist needs to prepare the teeth for the surgical correction, then finish the alignment after surgery. The oral surgeon needs to know exactly where the orthodontist wants the jaw positioned. At CSSC, they plan this together from day one.

The Technology Advantage

When specialists share a location, they also share technology. At CSSC, that means:

- ****CBCT 3D imaging**** available for all specialists - no sending patients to external imaging centres - ****Intraoral digital scanners**** - digital impressions used across all specialties - ****Dental microscopes**** - used by endodontists and available for other microsurgical procedures - ****CAD/CAM systems**** - for same-day crowns and custom restorations - ****Surgical suites with sedation**** - IV sedation and general anaesthesia available on-site

Every specialist has access to the same imaging and technology. There is no waiting for films to arrive from another practice. No incompatible imaging formats. No duplicate scans.

One Location, One Visit

For regional patients especially, the practical benefit is significant. Instead of driving to three different suburbs to see three different specialists, you drive to one address. Multiple consultations can be scheduled on the same day. If your surgeon and orthodontist both need to see you, that happens in one visit, not two.

CSSC is located at the Manchester Unity Building, at the corner of Collins and Swanston Streets, directly above Melbourne Central Station. One trip to the city, multiple specialists seen.

The CSSC Team

CSSC is part of the Smile Solutions group, which has been operating for over 33 years. The group engages more than 80 clinicians, including over 25 AHPRA-registered specialists across all six dental specialties. Over 300,000 patients have been treated across the group. CSSC holds Blue Diamond Invisalign Provider status, the highest level, with over 9,000 cases completed.

No Referral Required

You do not need a referral to see a specialist at CSSC. Contact the centre directly, describe your situation, and the patient coordinators will connect you with the right specialist - or team of specialists.

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