

Why Travel to Melbourne for Specialist Dental Care

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If you live in regional Victoria, finding the right specialist for a complex dental problem can feel like an impossible task. Your local dentist might offer some specialist services, but when you need true multidisciplinary care - the kind where an oral surgeon, orthodontist, periodontist, prosthodontist and endodontist all work together on your case - there is really only one place to look.

Collins Street Specialist Centre (CSSC) brings all six recognised dental specialties together under one roof at Level 8, Manchester Unity Building, 220 Collins Street, Melbourne. It is the specialist arm of the Smile Solutions group, which has been serving patients for over 33 years.

All Six Dental Specialties in One Location

Most regional towns have a general dentist, and some may have a visiting specialist once a month. But CSSC is different. The centre engages AHPRA-registered specialists across every dental specialty:

- **Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery** - jaw surgery, wisdom teeth removal, dental implant placement, bone grafting and complex extractions - **Orthodontics** - braces, Invisalign, early intervention for children, lingual braces and adult orthodontics - **Endodontics** - root canal treatment using dental microscopes, cracked tooth management and retreatments - **Periodontics** - gum disease treatment, gum grafting, dental implants from a periodontal perspective and crown lengthening - **Prosthodontics** - crowns, bridges, dentures, porcelain veneers, full mouth rehabilitation and implant-supported restorations - **Paediatric Dentistry** - specialist care for children with dental anxiety, complex decay, dental trauma and developmental concerns

Having every specialty in one building is not just convenient. It changes the quality of care you receive.

The Peer Review Advantage

At CSSC, complex cases are not managed by a single specialist working in isolation. The centre operates a peer review model where specialists from different disciplines collaborate to plan your treatment.

Imagine you need a dental implant, but you also have gum disease and a bite problem. In most settings, you would see a periodontist in one town, an orthodontist in another, and a prosthodontist somewhere else. They would each write separate treatment plans without ever speaking to each other. The result? Longer treatment, more visits, and a plan that might not account for the full picture.

At CSSC, your periodontist, orthodontist and prosthodontist sit down together. They share your CBCT 3D imaging, discuss the sequencing and timing of each phase, and create one coordinated treatment plan. That is genuinely better care.

Your Local Town Might Have a Dentist Who Does Some Specialist Work

Many general dentists in regional Victoria have completed additional training in areas like implants or orthodontics. That training is valuable, and they provide good care for straightforward cases.

But there is an important distinction between a general dentist with additional training and an AHPRA-registered specialist. Specialists complete an additional three to five years of full-time university training after their dental degree, focused entirely on their specialty. They are registered with AHPRA specifically as specialists.

For complex cases - the ones involving multiple teeth, bone loss, bite problems, jaw discrepancies or failed previous treatment - seeing a registered specialist often makes a significant difference to the outcome.

No Referral Required

One of the most common misconceptions is that you need a referral from your local dentist to see a specialist. At CSSC, you do not need a referral. You can contact the centre directly, describe your concern, and book a consultation.

Many patients find CSSC through their own research - searching for information about their condition, reading about treatment options, and deciding they want a specialist opinion. That is completely normal, and the team at CSSC welcomes self-referred patients.

Of course, if your local dentist wants to provide a referral, that is helpful too. CSSC works collaboratively with referring dentists across Victoria and is happy to communicate findings and treatment progress with your local practitioner.

Worth the Trip

Getting to Collins Street is easier than many regional patients expect. The Manchester Unity Building sits at the corner of Collins and Swanston Streets, directly above Melbourne Central Station. Whether you drive, take V/Line or catch the train, you arrive at an iconic Art Deco heritage building in the heart of the CBD.

For regional patients, CSSC also works to consolidate appointments so you can see multiple specialists in a single visit. If your treatment requires input from an orthodontist and a surgeon, the centre can schedule both consultations on the same day, reducing the number of trips to Melbourne.

The Smile Solutions Group

CSSC is part of the Smile Solutions group, which collectively engages over 80 clinicians, including more than 25 specialists. Across the group, over 300,000 patients have been treated in 33 years of operation. The centre uses CareStack, a fully integrated patient management system, meaning your records, imaging and treatment history are accessible across the group without duplication.

CSSC holds Blue Diamond Invisalign Provider status - the highest level available - with over 9,000 Invisalign cases completed across the group.

What Regional Patients Are Searching For

Whether you are Googling "orthodontist near Ballarat," "dental implant specialist Geelong," or "oral surgeon regional Victoria," the answer often leads to Melbourne. And within Melbourne, CSSC offers something few other practices can: every dental specialty, genuine collaboration between specialists, advanced imaging and technology, and 33 years of experience.

Your dental health is worth the trip.

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No referral required. Call to book a consultation with any of our specialists.