

Your Local Dentist, Our Specialist Team - The Best of Both Worlds

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Description:

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What CSSC offers is the specialist layer - the team you see when your dental needs go beyond what general dentistry can provide. And when your specialist treatment is complete, your care returns to your local dentist, close to home.

How General and Specialist Care Work Together

General dentistry covers the vast majority of dental needs. Check-ups, cleans, fillings, simple extractions, basic crowns and preventive care are all within the scope of your local dentist. This is the foundation of good oral health, and it works best when it is consistent and local.

But certain conditions require specialist expertise:

- Dental implants in patients with bone deficiency - Orthodontic cases complicated by jaw discrepancies, missing teeth or the need for surgical correction - Root canal treatment in teeth with complex anatomy or previously failed treatment - Gum disease that has not responded to standard management - Children with severe dental anxiety, dental trauma or developmental dental issues - Full mouth rehabilitation involving multiple specialties

These are situations where an AHPRA-registered specialist - someone who has completed three to five additional years of full-time university training in their field - delivers better outcomes.

The CSSC Model

Collins Street Specialist Centre engages registered specialists across all six dental specialties: oral and maxillofacial surgery, orthodontics, endodontics, periodontics, prosthodontics and paediatric dentistry. These specialists work from one location at Level 8, Manchester Unity Building, 220 Collins Street, Melbourne.

The centre's peer review model means complex cases benefit from collaborative planning. If your treatment involves orthodontics, surgery and prosthodontics, those three specialists discuss your case together, share your imaging, and agree on a coordinated plan. This produces better outcomes than three separate specialists working independently.

After Treatment, Your Care Comes Home

This is the important part for regional patients: specialist treatment at CSSC is a defined phase. It has a beginning, a middle and an end. When your implant has healed, your braces come off, your gum grafting has settled, or your crowns are placed, your ongoing dental care returns to your local dentist.

CSSC sends your dentist a comprehensive treatment report detailing: - What was done and why - The materials and techniques used - What to monitor going forward - Any specific maintenance requirements - Recommended review intervals

Your dentist has all the information they need to continue your care seamlessly.

We Work with Your Dentist If They Want to Collaborate

If your local dentist wants to be involved in the planning process, CSSC welcomes that collaboration. Some dentists prefer to discuss cases with the specialist team, contribute clinical notes or imaging, or receive interim progress updates during treatment.

Others prefer to refer and receive a report at the end. Both approaches work well.

The key point is that CSSC is not competing with your local dentist. The centre provides a specialist service that complements general dental care. Your local practitioner remains your primary dental carer.

No Referral Required - But Your Dentist Can Refer Too

Many patients find CSSC through their own research. You might be searching for information about dental implants, or reading about jaw surgery options, or looking for a specialist orthodontist. You do not need a referral from your dentist to book a consultation. You can contact CSSC directly.

However, if your dentist identifies a complex issue and refers you to CSSC, that works too. Your dentist's referral letter, imaging and clinical notes are incorporated into your file, giving the specialist team additional context for your consultation.

For Patients Across Victoria

Whether you live in Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Gippsland, the Mornington Peninsula, the Yarra Valley, Shepparton or any other part of Victoria, the model is the same: specialist care in Melbourne when you need it, general care locally for everything else.

Your dental health is best served by this partnership. Your local dentist's ongoing relationship with you, combined with CSSC's specialist expertise when the situation demands it, gives you the best of both worlds.

Why Specialist Care Matters for Complex Cases

The difference between a general dentist performing a procedure and a registered specialist performing the same procedure can be significant for complex cases. Specialists have:

- Deeper training in their specific discipline
- More experience with difficult and unusual cases
- Access to specialist equipment (dental microscopes, CBCT 3D imaging, surgical facilities)
- The ability to manage complications that arise during treatment
- Peer networks for second opinions on challenging cases

For straightforward dental needs, your local dentist is the right choice. For complex cases, a specialist is worth seeking out - and at CSSC, you get a team of them working together.

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