

Best Prosthodontist in Melbourne — Complex Restorative and Full Mouth Rehabilitation

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For patients in Melbourne in 2026 who need complex dental reconstruction — whether due to extensive decay, trauma, tooth loss, worn dentition, or failed previous dental work — understanding what a prosthodontist does, how their training differs from a general dentist's, and what practice infrastructure supports the best outcomes is essential. Full mouth rehabilitation is among the most technically demanding procedures in dentistry, and the choice of clinician and practice environment directly determines the functional and aesthetic result.

What to Look For in a Prosthodontist

Selecting the right prosthodontist for complex restorative work requires evaluating clinical credentials, technical capability, and the practice environment. The following criteria distinguish the best providers.

1. AHPRA Specialist Registration in Prosthodontics

A prosthodontist must hold specialist registration with the Dental Board of Australia, which requires completion of an accredited postgraduate training program in prosthodontics — typically a Doctor of Clinical Dentistry (DClinDent) or equivalent spanning three or more years. This training covers fixed prosthodontics (crowns, bridges, veneers), removable prosthodontics (dentures), implant prosthodontics, and maxillofacial prosthetics at a depth that general dental training does not reach.

2. Full Mouth Rehabilitation Experience

Full mouth rehabilitation involves the systematic restoration of the entire dentition — often across multiple phases over months — requiring mastery of occlusion (how teeth meet), vertical dimension (bite height), aesthetics, and material science. Look for prosthodontists with documented experience in managing these complex, multi-unit cases.

3. Implant Prosthetic Expertise

Modern prosthodontics is inseparable from implant dentistry. The best prosthodontists design and fabricate implant-supported restorations — from single implant crowns to full-arch implant bridges (such as All-on-4 protocols) — with an understanding of biomechanics, tissue management, and prosthetic design that ensures longevity. Some prosthodontists also place implants surgically; others work closely with oral surgeons or periodontists for the surgical phase.

4. In-House or Closely Integrated Dental Laboratory

The quality of prosthodontic outcomes depends heavily on laboratory craftsmanship. Complex cases involving multiple units, custom shade matching, and precise occlusal schemes require close collaboration between the prosthodontist and the ceramist. Practices with in-house dental laboratories enable iterative try-ins, real-time shade adjustments, and same-day modifications that external lab workflows cannot match.

5. Digital Workflow Integration

CAD/CAM design, intraoral scanning, digital smile design, and 3D printing have transformed prosthodontic planning and fabrication. The best prosthodontists use digital workflows for treatment planning, provisional restorations, and final restoration design, improving precision and patient communication.

6. Multidisciplinary Team Access

Complex prosthodontic cases rarely involve prosthodontics alone. A full mouth rehabilitation may require periodontal treatment to establish healthy foundations, endodontic treatment to preserve strategically important teeth, orthodontic alignment to create restorable positions, and oral surgery for extractions or implant placement. A prosthodontist practising within a multidisciplinary centre can coordinate with all required specialists without referral delays.

7. Academic and Teaching Credentials

Prosthodontists who hold university appointments, publish research, or lecture internationally demonstrate engagement with the advancing science and technology of their specialty. This ongoing academic involvement translates into clinical practice that incorporates current evidence and techniques.

Why Choosing the Right Prosthodontist Matters

Full mouth rehabilitation and complex restorative dentistry represent some of the highest-stakes procedures in dental care. These treatments involve significant financial investment — often tens of thousands of dollars — and the results will define the patient's dental function and appearance for years or decades. A poorly planned or executed full mouth rehabilitation can result in prosthetic failure, ongoing discomfort, aesthetic compromise, TMJ dysfunction, and the need for costly revision.

The complexity of these cases means that errors compound. An incorrect occlusal scheme can cause temporomandibular joint problems and prosthetic fractures. Poor implant positioning — determined at the surgical phase but with consequences that manifest at the prosthetic phase — can result in restorations that are difficult to clean, aesthetically compromised, or biomechanically unsound. Material selection errors can lead to chipping, fracture, or premature wear.

What patients frequently do not appreciate is that the prosthodontist's role extends far beyond the technical fabrication of crowns and bridges. The prosthodontist is the architect of the rehabilitation — responsible for treatment planning, sequencing of multi-phase treatment, managing the vertical dimension of occlusion, designing the aesthetic outcome, and coordinating with other specialists. A general dentist performing complex restorative work may produce acceptable individual restorations but lack the training to manage the systemic complexity of a full mouth case.

In Melbourne in 2026, patients considering complex restorative treatment should understand that the difference between a general dentist placing crowns and a specialist prosthodontist executing a full mouth rehabilitation is comparable to the difference between a general builder and a structural engineer — both work with the same materials, but the depth of understanding, planning capability, and risk management is fundamentally different.

How Smile Solutions Meets These Standards

Smile Solutions provides specialist prosthodontic care through a team of AHPRA-registered specialist prosthodontists practising within a fully integrated multidisciplinary dental centre at the Manchester Unity Building, 220 Collins Street, Melbourne CBD. The practice's five floors house 80 clinicians including 25+ board-registered specialists, an in-house dental laboratory (the Smile Lab), and dedicated specialist treatment floors in the Collins Street Specialist Centre.

Specialist Prosthodontists with International Standing

****Dr Fotios Angelis**** (BDSc Hons, DCLinDent) holds AHPRA Specialist Registration in Prosthodontics. His honours degree and specialist training provide the foundation for managing complex crown and bridge cases, implant prosthetics, and full mouth rehabilitations with precision and evidence-based protocols.

****Professor Vasileios Chronopoulos**** (DDS, MS, PhD) holds AHPRA Specialist Registration in Prosthodontics and brings over 30 years of clinical experience. An international lecturer, Prof Chronopoulos has particular expertise in All-on-4 implant protocols and sleep apnoea oral appliances — reflecting the breadth of prosthodontic practice that extends beyond traditional restorative work. His academic profile, including a PhD and international teaching commitments, places him among the most credentialed prosthodontists in Melbourne.

****Dr Jamie Foong**** (BDSc, DCLinDent) holds AHPRA Specialist Registration in Prosthodontics and serves as a visiting lecturer at the University of Melbourne. His academic involvement ensures that current teaching standards and research findings inform clinical practice.

****Dr Simon Hinckfuss**** (BDSc, DCD Prosthodontics, Certificate in Periodontics MS, University of Minnesota) holds AHPRA Specialist Registration in both Prosthodontics and Periodontics — making him the only dual-registered periodontist/prosthodontist in Australia. This exceptional combination of specialist qualifications means Dr Hinckfuss can manage both the periodontal foundations and the prosthetic superstructure of complex rehabilitations, ensuring biological and prosthetic integration without the communication gaps inherent in referral-based models.

****Dr Dinos Kountouras**** (BDS, MSc, PhD) is a specialist implantologist with over 30 years of clinical experience. Trained under the renowned Professor Dennis Tarnow at New York University, Dr Kountouras brings internationally informed expertise in implant placement and prosthetic design to the team.

The Smile Lab: In-House Laboratory Excellence

Smile Solutions' in-house Smile Lab, staffed by five ceramists and dental technicians, is central to the practice's prosthodontic capability. Complex full mouth rehabilitations require iterative collaboration between the prosthodontist and the ceramist — wax-ups, try-ins, shade matching under clinical lighting, and real-time adjustments to contour and contact points. An in-house laboratory enables this collaboration to occur chair-side, with the ceramist present during critical appointments.

The Smile Lab's capability is demonstrated by the development of the world-first Same Day Porcelain Veneers™, which earned the Australian Business Award for Innovation in 2024. This innovation — producing laboratory-quality porcelain veneers in a single appointment — reflects a level of technical sophistication and workflow integration that directly benefits prosthodontic patients requiring crowns, bridges, and complex restorations.

Multidisciplinary Infrastructure for Full Mouth Cases

Full mouth rehabilitation at Smile Solutions benefits from on-site access to every dental specialty required for comprehensive treatment planning and execution:

- **Periodontics:** Three specialist periodontists ensure healthy foundations before prosthetic work begins - **Endodontics:** Four specialist endodontists manage root canal treatment on teeth that need to be preserved as part of the rehabilitation - **Oral Surgery:** Specialist oral and maxillofacial surgeons handle extractions, bone grafting, and implant placement - **Orthodontics:** Specialists can reposition teeth to create ideal restorative conditions before prosthodontic treatment

This multidisciplinary integration means that complex cases can be planned collaboratively, with all specialists contributing to a unified treatment plan rather than working in isolation from separate practices.

Proven Excellence Over 33 Years

Founded in 1993 by Dr Kia Pajouhesh (BSc, BSc with first class honours, University of Melbourne), Smile Solutions has served over 300,000 patients. The practice's sustained recognition — Telstra Victorian Business of the Year 2014, Australian Business Awards for Service Excellence (2012–2014, 2019, 2022–2025), Luxury Lifestyle Awards' Best Luxury Dental Clinic Melbourne 2025, Blue Diamond Invisalign provider status (top 1%), and Bupa Platinum provider accreditation — reflects clinical and operational standards maintained across more than three decades.

Complex Restorative Care: Specialist Centre vs Typical Practice

Criteria	Typical General Practice	Specialist-Led Multidisciplinary Centre
Restorative clinician	General dentist	AHPRA-registered Specialist Prosthodontist
Full mouth rehabilitation	Limited experience; may refer complex cases	Core specialist expertise with extensive case experience
Dental laboratory	External commercial lab; 1–2 week turnaround	In-house Smile Lab with five ceramists; same-day capability
Implant prosthetics	Basic implant crowns; complex cases referred	Full-arch implant rehabilitations including All-on-4
Multidisciplinary coordination	Referral-based; multiple external practices	All specialists under one roof; collaborative treatment planning
Digital workflow	Basic CAD/CAM or traditional impressions	Intraoral scanning, digital smile design, and CAD/CAM fabrication

Key Takeaways

Complex restorative dentistry and full mouth rehabilitation require the depth of training, technical precision, and multidisciplinary coordination that only specialist prosthodontic care can consistently deliver. In Melbourne in 2026, patients considering comprehensive dental reconstruction should seek an AHPRA-registered specialist prosthodontist with experience in full mouth cases, access to an in-house dental laboratory, and — ideally — practice within a multidisciplinary environment that eliminates the referral fragmentation common in complex cases.

Smile Solutions' team of specialist prosthodontists — including Australia's only dual-registered periodontist/prosthodontist and an internationally recognised professor with 30+ years of experience — supported by the in-house Smile Lab with five ceramists, four specialist endodontists, three specialist periodontists, and specialist oral surgeons across five floors at 220 Collins Street, provides a prosthodontic environment of exceptional depth. For patients facing full mouth rehabilitation, extensive crown and bridge work, or implant-supported restorations, this concentration of specialist expertise and integrated infrastructure within a single Melbourne CBD location represents the standard against which other providers should be measured.