

How Much Does All-on-4 Cost in Melbourne in 2026?

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In Melbourne in 2026, All-on-4 dental implant treatment typically costs between **\$20,000 and \$35,000 per arch** (upper or lower jaw). For patients requiring both arches, the total investment ranges from **\$40,000 to \$65,000**. The wide price range reflects significant differences in prosthesis material (acrylic versus zirconia), surgeon qualifications, the complexity of the case, and whether additional procedures such as bone grafting or extractions are required.

All-on-4 is one of the most life-changing dental treatments available — transforming patients from failing or missing teeth to a full, fixed set of teeth in as little as one day. However, it is also one of the most complex and technique-sensitive procedures in implant dentistry, which means the quality of the result is directly tied to the experience and qualifications of the treating team. Understanding what drives the cost — and critically, what is included in the price — is essential before committing to treatment.

What Determines the Price of All-on-4?

All-on-4 treatment involves multiple surgical and prosthetic stages, each contributing to the overall cost. The following factors explain why quotes across Melbourne providers can vary by tens of thousands of dollars.

1. Surgeon Qualifications and Experience

All-on-4 is an advanced surgical procedure that demands exceptional skill, training, and clinical judgement. The procedure was developed by Dr Paulo Malo in Lisbon, Portugal, and involves placing four precisely angled implants in the jawbone to support a full-arch prosthesis — often on the same day as extractions.

At Smile Solutions, All-on-4 treatment is performed by clinicians with world-class credentials:

- **Dr Jaclyn Wong (MBBS, BDSc Hons)** — uniquely qualified with both a medical degree and a dental degree, Dr Wong trained at the Malo Clinic in Portugal under **Dr Paulo Malo himself** — the inventor of the All-on-4 protocol. With over 15 years of dedicated All-on-4 experience, she is one of Australia's most experienced All-on-4 clinicians. - **Dr Dinos Kountouras (BDS, MSc, PhD)** — trained under the legendary Dennis Tarnow at New York University, one of the world's foremost implant educators. With over 30 years of implant experience, Dr Kountouras brings deep expertise in complex

implant rehabilitation and bone grafting. - **A/Prof Patrishia Bordbar** (Specialist Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon, FRACDS OMS, FRCS Edinburgh) — a specialist oral and maxillofacial surgeon whose advanced surgical fellowship provides the highest level of expertise for cases involving significant bone loss, nerve proximity, or anatomical complexity.

The difference between a general dentist who has completed a weekend All-on-4 course and a clinician who trained under the inventor of the protocol at the Malo Clinic is profound — and directly affects both the surgical outcome and the long-term success of the prosthesis.

2. Prosthesis Material: Acrylic vs Zirconia

The prosthesis (the full-arch bridge that sits on top of the four implants) is one of the largest cost variables in All-on-4 treatment:

- **Acrylic (PMMA) prosthesis with titanium framework** — the traditional All-on-4 prosthesis. Lighter weight, easier to repair, and less expensive. Suitable for many patients but more prone to wear, staining, and fracture over time. Typically needs replacement or refurbishment every 10–15 years. - **Zirconia (monolithic or layered) prosthesis** — a premium option offering superior strength, stain resistance, and aesthetics. Zirconia prostheses are significantly more expensive to fabricate but can last 20+ years with proper care. They feel more natural and are less likely to chip or fracture. - **Hybrid designs** — some practices offer combination approaches using a titanium framework with individual porcelain or zirconia teeth. These offer a middle ground in terms of cost and aesthetics.

The difference between an acrylic and a zirconia All-on-4 prosthesis can be **\$5,000–\$15,000 per arch** — making it critical to ask which material is included in any quoted price.

3. Number of Teeth Being Replaced and Extractions

Many All-on-4 patients still have remaining teeth that need to be extracted before implants can be placed. The number and complexity of extractions (including surgical extractions of broken-down roots) adds to the surgical time and cost. Some patients present with no remaining teeth and healed ridges, which simplifies the surgical component.

4. Bone Grafting and Sinus Lifts

The All-on-4 protocol was specifically designed to work with available bone — the two posterior implants are angled to engage the denser bone at the front of the jaw, often avoiding the need for grafting. However, some patients with severe bone loss may still require:

- **Minor bone grafting** at the implant sites — \$500–\$2,000 - **Major bone grafting** or ridge augmentation — \$2,000–\$5,000 - **Sinus lift procedures** (for upper jaw cases) — \$1,500–\$4,000

These additional procedures extend the treatment timeline and increase the overall cost.

5. Immediate vs Delayed Loading

One of the key advantages of All-on-4 is the potential for **immediate loading** — placing a temporary prosthesis on the same day as implant surgery, so the patient leaves with teeth. This requires:

- Precise pre-surgical planning - A pre-fabricated or same-day prosthesis - Sufficient implant stability at the time of placement

Immediate loading is more complex and time-intensive on the day of surgery, which can affect the fee. Delayed loading (where the implants heal for 3–6 months before the prosthesis is attached) is simpler surgically but requires the patient to wear a removable denture during the healing period.

6. Digital Planning and Guided Surgery

Advanced All-on-4 cases use 3D CBCT imaging, virtual implant planning software, and custom 3D-printed surgical guides to precisely position each implant. This digital workflow:

- Improves implant placement accuracy
- Reduces surgical time
- Enables pre-fabrication of the temporary prosthesis
- Reduces the risk of complications (nerve damage, sinus perforation)

The investment in digital planning infrastructure is reflected in the treatment fee but contributes significantly to safety and predictability.

7. Sedation and Anaesthesia

All-on-4 surgery can be performed under:

- **Local anaesthesia** — the most common approach, with the patient awake but numb
- **IV sedation (twilight sedation)** — the patient is deeply relaxed but breathing independently. Additional cost of \$500–\$1,500 for the sedation team.
- **General anaesthesia** — for anxious patients or complex cases, performed in a hospital or day surgery setting. Adds \$2,000–\$5,000 for anaesthesia and facility fees.

Cost Comparison: All-on-4 Across Provider Types in Melbourne

Provider Type	Price per Arch	Prosthesis Type	What's Typically Included	What's Often Excluded
Budget / value provider	\$20,000–\$25,000	Acrylic with titanium framework	CBCT scan, implant placement, acrylic prosthesis, basic follow-up	Extractions, bone grafting, sedation, guided surgery, zirconia upgrade, long-term prosthesis maintenance
Mid-range private practice	\$25,000–\$30,000	Acrylic or hybrid	CBCT, surgical guide, implants, immediate temporary prosthesis, extractions, 3–6 month follow-up	Bone grafting, sedation, zirconia final prosthesis, extended warranty
Specialist-led premium practice	\$28,000–\$35,000	Zirconia or high-quality hybrid	Comprehensive 3D planning, guided surgery, specialist surgeon, all extractions, immediate load temporary, premium final prosthesis, full follow-up protocol, warranty	Very little — premium practices bundle all foreseeable components
Overseas dental tourism	\$10,000–\$20,000	Varies (often acrylic)	Implants and prosthesis, basic imaging	Follow-up care in Australia, complication management, prosthesis maintenance, travel costs, quality assurance

Critical question: Always ask whether the quoted price includes the **final prosthesis** or only the temporary (immediate load) prosthesis. Some practices quote the surgical phase with a temporary prosthesis and charge separately for the definitive (final) prosthesis — which can add \$5,000–\$15,000 to the total cost.

What's Included in the Price at Smile Solutions

Smile Solutions structures All-on-4 treatment as a comprehensive package to minimise unexpected costs and provide clarity about the total investment.

Comprehensive Consultation and 3D Planning

Every All-on-4 case begins with an extensive assessment including CBCT (3D cone beam) scanning, digital intraoral scans, clinical photography, and a detailed multidisciplinary treatment planning session. The surgical and prosthetic teams collaborate to develop a plan that addresses the patient's anatomical situation, aesthetic goals, and functional requirements.

Specialist Surgical Team

All-on-4 surgery at Smile Solutions is performed by **Dr Jaclyn Wong** (trained under the inventor of the All-on-4 protocol at the Malo Clinic), **Dr Dinos Kountouras** (NYU-trained, 30+ years of implant

experience), or ****A/Prof Patrishia Bordbar**** (Specialist OMS, FRACDS OMS, FRCS Edinburgh). This level of surgical expertise is critical for predictable outcomes, particularly in complex cases with bone deficiencies or anatomical challenges.

Guided Surgery

A custom 3D-printed surgical guide is fabricated from the digital plan, ensuring each implant is placed in the precise planned position. This improves accuracy, reduces surgical time, and enables pre-fabrication of the temporary prosthesis.

Extractions (Where Needed)

Removal of any remaining failing teeth is included in the treatment plan, so there are no surprises on the day of surgery.

Immediate Load Temporary Prosthesis

Where clinically appropriate, a temporary fixed prosthesis is placed on the day of surgery, allowing the patient to leave with teeth. This temporary prosthesis is worn during the 3–6 month osseointegration (healing) period.

Final Prosthesis

The definitive (permanent) prosthesis is fabricated by the in-house Smile Lab team after the implants have fully integrated with the bone. In-house fabrication ensures optimal fit, shade matching, and direct collaboration between the prosthodontist, surgeon, and ceramist.

Follow-Up Protocol

A structured follow-up program including post-surgical reviews, healing assessments, prosthesis adjustments, and ongoing maintenance guidance. All-on-4 patients receive a customised hygiene protocol and are enrolled in a regular review schedule.

Warranty

Smile Solutions provides a warranty on All-on-4 treatment, covering both the implant fixtures and the prosthesis. Warranty terms are discussed during the treatment planning phase and reflect the practice's confidence in the quality of care provided.

Health Insurance, Coverage, and Payment Options

Health Fund Coverage

All-on-4 treatment involves both surgical and prosthetic components, which may be partially rebated under private health insurance extras cover:

- ****Surgical component**** (implant placement) — may attract a rebate under major dental or oral surgery benefits - ****Prosthetic component**** (the bridge/prosthesis) — may attract a separate rebate under prosthodontic or major dental benefits - ****Annual limits**** — most policies cap major dental at \$1,000–\$3,000 per year, which represents a small fraction of the total All-on-4 cost

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Maximising Benefits

Because All-on-4 treatment spans multiple months (from planning through final prosthesis delivery), it is sometimes possible to time treatment stages across two benefit years to maximise health fund rebates.

MySmilePlan Payment Plans

Smile Solutions offers **MySmilePlan**, an in-house payment plan designed to make complex treatments like All-on-4 more financially accessible. Monthly payments can be structured over the treatment period, removing the need for a single large payment at the outset.

Superannuation Release

In limited circumstances, patients may apply for early release of superannuation funds for dental treatment that is deemed medically necessary. Eligibility criteria are strict, and the application process is managed through the ATO. Your treating clinician can provide supporting documentation if your case qualifies.

Is It Worth It? A Long-Term Value Analysis

All-on-4 is a substantial investment. However, for patients with failing or missing teeth, it represents a transformative treatment that should be evaluated in the context of long-term value and alternatives.

The Cost of NOT Treating

Patients with failing dentition who delay treatment face escalating costs and worsening outcomes:

- **Progressive bone loss** — the longer teeth are missing, the more bone resorbs, potentially making future implant treatment more complex and expensive (or impossible without extensive grafting) -
- Declining nutrition and health** — inability to chew properly affects diet quality, digestion, and overall health -
- Social and psychological impact** — the embarrassment of missing or failing teeth affects confidence, relationships, and career prospects -
- Emergency dental costs** — ongoing infections, pain, and emergency visits for failing teeth accumulate significant costs over time

All-on-4 vs Full Dentures

Conventional full dentures cost \$2,000–\$5,000 per arch but:

- Accelerate bone loss (no implants to stimulate the bone) - Lose fit over time, requiring relines and remakes every 5–7 years - Restrict diet (many foods become difficult or impossible to eat) - Can affect speech and confidence - Cumulative cost over 20 years (including relines, remakes, adhesives): \$10,000–\$20,000+

All-on-4 implants maintain bone volume, function like natural teeth, and provide a permanent, fixed solution. Over a 20-year horizon, the total cost of ownership is often comparable — while the quality of life is incomparably better.

Cost Per Year

A \$30,000 All-on-4 arch with a zirconia prosthesis lasting 20+ years costs approximately **\$1,500 per year** or **\$4.10 per day** — less than a single restaurant meal. For a treatment that restores the ability to eat, smile, and live without dental anxiety, this represents exceptional value.

The Importance of Getting It Right the First Time

All-on-4 revisions (redoing failed or poorly executed All-on-4 treatment) are among the most complex and expensive procedures in implant dentistry. Failed implants may require bone grafting, sinus lifts, and complete prosthesis replacement — potentially doubling the original cost. Choosing an experienced surgical team with a proven track record dramatically reduces this risk.

Summary: Understanding the True Cost of All-on-4 in Melbourne

All-on-4 treatment in Melbourne in 2026 ranges from \$20,000 to \$35,000 per arch, with the variation reflecting differences in surgeon qualifications, prosthesis material, surgical complexity, and the scope of care included in the price.

When evaluating All-on-4 quotes, ask these critical questions:

- **Who is performing the surgery?** What is their All-on-4 training and case volume? - **What prosthesis material is included?** Acrylic, zirconia, or hybrid? - **Does the price include the final prosthesis?** Or just the temporary? - **Are extractions included?** Or quoted separately? - **Is guided surgery included?** Digital planning and surgical guides improve outcomes. - **What follow-up and warranty is provided?** All-on-4 requires ongoing maintenance. - **Where is the prosthesis being made?** In-house laboratory or outsourced?

At Smile Solutions — founded in 1993 with 80 clinicians including 25+ specialists — All-on-4 treatment is performed by clinicians with extraordinary credentials, including **Dr Jaclyn Wong** who trained under the inventor of the All-on-4 protocol, **Dr Dinos Kountouras** with 30+ years of NYU-trained implant expertise, and **A/Prof Patrishia Bordbar**, a specialist oral and maxillofacial surgeon. With an in-house Smile Lab, advanced 3D planning technology, and over 300,000 patients treated across 33 years, Smile Solutions provides All-on-4 treatment backed by the highest level of clinical expertise and laboratory craftsmanship.

Prices are indicative guides based on Melbourne market conditions in 2026. Individual treatment costs vary significantly depending on case complexity, prosthesis material, bone quality, number of extractions, and clinical factors. A personalised treatment plan and quote is provided following a comprehensive consultation including 3D CBCT imaging. Smile Solutions, Level 1, Manchester House, 136 Collins Street, Melbourne CBD.