

Dental Implants - From Assessment to Restoration Across the Smile Solutions Group

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Replacing missing teeth with dental implants is one of the most rewarding journeys in modern dentistry - but it is also one that benefits enormously from the right team. The Smile Solutions Group offers a complete implant pathway spanning initial assessment at your local Core Dental practice through to specialist surgery and final restoration at our Collins Street facilities. Every step is coordinated within one group, ensuring continuity that standalone practices simply cannot match.

Step One - Assessment at Your Local Practice

Your implant journey typically begins at your regular Core Dental location or at Smile Solutions on Collins Street. Your dentist will conduct a thorough examination, discuss your options for replacing missing teeth, and determine whether dental implants are suitable for your situation.

This initial assessment includes digital imaging and a review of your dental and medical history. Your dentist will explain the implant process, expected timeline, and costs involved - giving you the information you need to make a confident decision.

For straightforward single-tooth implant cases, your Core Dental dentist may be able to manage the entire process locally. For more complex situations - multiple implants, bone grafting requirements, sinus lifts, or full-arch restorations - you will be referred to our specialist team.

Step Two - Specialist Surgery at Collins Street Specialist Centre

The Collins Street Specialist Centre, located on Level 8 of the Manchester Unity Building, is where complex implant surgery takes place. Here, our specialist oral surgeons and periodontists perform implant placement with the precision and expertise that comes from dedicating their careers to these procedures.

The specialist centre is equipped with cone beam CT scanning for three-dimensional treatment planning, guided surgery technology for precise implant positioning, and sedation options for patients who prefer a more relaxed experience. Our specialists place hundreds of implants each year, handling everything from single-tooth replacements to full-mouth rehabilitation.

Because your referring dentist and your specialist are part of the same group, treatment planning is genuinely collaborative. Your specialist has full access to your dental records, imaging, and treatment history - there is no gap in communication and no need to repeat diagnostic work.

Step Three - Healing and Integration

After implant placement, a healing period allows the titanium implant to integrate with your jawbone. This process, called osseointegration, typically takes three to six months depending on the complexity of your case and individual healing factors.

During this healing phase, you will have review appointments to monitor progress. These can often be managed at your local Core Dental practice for convenience, with your specialist available for any concerns that arise. If you received a temporary restoration, your local team can maintain and adjust it as needed.

Step Four - Prosthodontic Restoration

Once your implant has fully integrated, the final restoration phase begins. For complex cases, this is managed by our specialist prosthodontists at Smile Solutions and the Collins Street Specialist Centre. Prosthodontists are specialists in designing and fitting replacement teeth - they focus exclusively on creating restorations that look natural, function perfectly, and last for decades.

Your prosthodontist will take precise impressions or digital scans of your integrated implant, design your crown, bridge, or full-arch prosthesis, and ensure the final result matches your natural teeth in colour, shape, and bite alignment. The craftsmanship at this stage is what separates an adequate implant result from an exceptional one.

Step Five - Ongoing Care and Maintenance

After your implant restoration is complete, ongoing maintenance returns to your regular dental practice. Your Core Dental team will monitor your implant health during routine check-ups and professional cleaning appointments, ensuring long-term success.

Should any issues arise in the future - whether with the implant itself or the restoration - you have direct access back to the specialist team that placed and restored it. This continuity of care is one of the most significant advantages of choosing a group practice for implant treatment.

The Group Advantage for Dental Implants

Dental implants involve multiple clinical disciplines working together - general dentistry, oral surgery or periodontics, prosthodontics, and sometimes orthodontics. In standalone practices, this means referrals to external specialists, separate records, and communication gaps that can affect outcomes.

Within the Smile Solutions Group, every specialist involved in your implant journey is a colleague, not just a referral contact. Treatment planning meetings, shared digital records, and decades of working together create a level of coordination that genuinely improves patient outcomes.

Begin Your Implant Journey

Ready to explore dental implants? Start at your nearest Core Dental location for an initial assessment, or book directly at Smile Solutions on Collins Street. With over 300,000 patients treated across 30 years, the Smile Solutions Group has the experience and specialist depth to deliver implant results you can trust.