

Dental Implants Melbourne - Smile Solutions Specialist Team

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Details:

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Smile Solutions is one of Australia's leading dental implant providers, a ****Nobel Biocare Certified All-on-4® clinic**** with a team of Specialist Prosthodontists, Specialist Periodontists, and oral surgeons who have collectively placed thousands of implants. Restoring your smile is both a clinical undertaking and a deeply personal one, and the specialists here understand both sides of that.

Whether you're replacing a single missing tooth or need a complete full-arch restoration, the implant team works through every option with you — a single Nobel Biocare implant and ceramic crown, a full All-on-4® arch replacement, or anything in between, including procedures performed in a private hospital under general anaesthetic. Every treatment plan is built around your anatomy, your goals, and your circumstances.

****Call 13 13 96**** to book a consultation. The implant co-ordinator will walk you through your options, timelines, and costs at your first visit — no pressure, just straight answers.

Our dental implant specialists

Smile Solutions' implant team works across two specialist levels of Melbourne's Manchester Unity Building: Specialist Prosthodontists at ****Smile Solutions' Collins Street Specialist Centre (Level 8)****, and Specialist Periodontists at the ****Specialist Centre on Level 12****. Between them, the team covers prosthodontics (restoration planning and prosthetic fabrication) and periodontics (surgical placement and bone management), so you're not being referred between separate practices.

Specialist Prosthodontists

****Prof Vasileios Chronopoulos**** — DDS, MS, PhD (Prosthodontics). With over 30 years of clinical experience and a PhD in Prosthodontics, Prof Chronopoulos specialises in All-on-4® implant-supported restorations and complex full-arch rehabilitation. Known to the team as "Vas", he brings a level of academic depth and hands-on expertise that's genuinely uncommon in Australian practice.

****Dr Jamie Foong**** — BDSc (Melb), DClinDent (Melb), Specialist Prosthodontist. Dr Foong focuses on All-on-4® implant cases, handling prosthetic planning and final restoration fabrication for patients requiring complex full-arch solutions. His clinical approach is precise; his manner with patients is calm and unhurried.

Specialist Periodontists

****Dr Simon Hinckfuss**** — BDS, DCD (Prosthodontics), Cert.Perio MS (Minnesota). Dr Hinckfuss holds dual specialist registration as both a Specialist Periodontist and a Specialist Prosthodontist, making him the only clinician in Australia registered in both specialties at the same time. He handles implant surgical placement alongside periodontal disease management and gum surgery.

****Dr James van den Berg**** — BDS (Birmingham), MClintDent (London), PGDipCD (Melb), MRACDS (Perio). With over 20 years at Smile Solutions, Dr van den Berg is Victoria's most experienced laser periodontal specialist. He manages complex implant cases involving bone grafting, sinus lifts, and ridge augmentation, with a thorough, evidence-based approach to long-term outcomes.

Swiss-made Nobel Biocare implants — no exceptions

Smile Solutions uses ****Nobel Biocare implants exclusively****. Nobel Biocare implants are Swiss-manufactured, the most extensively clinically studied implant brand in the world, and the standard against which other implant systems are measured.

There are no unbranded implants or budget-range systems used here. Every implant placed at Smile Solutions is a genuine Nobel Biocare component, because the long-term outcomes data matters and because the quality standard in your jaw should be the same as you'd expect from any significant medical procedure. Decades of peer-reviewed clinical evidence back that up.

All-on-4® certified clinic

Smile Solutions holds official ****Nobel Biocare All-on-4® certification****, one of a limited number of practices across Australia to hold this designation. Certification requires the clinical team to meet Nobel Biocare's training, case volume, and quality standards for complex full-arch implant cases.

The All-on-4® technique uses four precisely angled implants to support a full-arch ceramic bridge, restoring an entire jaw (upper, lower, or both) with a fixed prosthesis on the same day as surgery in most cases. At Smile Solutions, All-on-4® treatment includes:

- Ceramic bridges, not acrylic or resin
- A titanium bar substructure for long-term structural strength
- The option to have the procedure performed under general anaesthetic in a private hospital, for eligible health fund members
- The PF1 framework approach, which preserves jaw bone rather than sacrificing it

The goal is a result that looks, feels, and functions like your natural teeth.

Types of dental implants

Single tooth implants

A single missing tooth is replaced with a Nobel Biocare titanium implant that fuses to your jaw bone, topped with a custom ceramic crown made in the Smile Solutions in-house laboratory. The result is a permanent restoration that's indistinguishable from a natural tooth in appearance and function.

Implant-supported bridges

Where two or more adjacent teeth are missing, implant-supported bridges restore multiple teeth using fewer implants, reducing the number of surgical sites whilst delivering a fixed, non-removable result you care for just like natural teeth.

Immediate implants

In selected cases, an implant can be placed at the same time as a tooth is extracted, which can reduce your overall treatment timeline. Your specialist will assess suitability based on bone quality and infection status before recommending this approach.

Implant-retained dentures

For patients who prefer or require a removable option, implant-retained dentures use two to four implants to anchor the denture securely, eliminating movement and substantially improving chewing function compared to conventional dentures. For many patients, the difference in day-to-day confidence is significant.

The implant process at Smile Solutions

Your treatment follows a clear, carefully managed sequence, refined over thousands of cases.

1. ****Consultation and imaging**** — a Specialist Prosthodontist assesses your case, with CBCT (cone beam CT) imaging taken on-site to evaluate bone volume, density, and anatomy 2. ****Surgical planning**** — coDiagnostix® 3D planning software maps the optimal implant position; the in-house laboratory 3D-prints a surgical guide to ensure accuracy from the first step 3. ****Implant placement**** — performed by the Specialist Periodontist or OMS team under local anaesthetic, or general anaesthetic for All-on-4® cases 4. ****Healing and osseointegration**** — three to six months for the implant to fuse with your jaw bone; immediate-load cases carry a provisional crown from day one, so you're never without a tooth 5. ****Final restoration**** — your Specialist Prosthodontist designs and places the final ceramic crown, bridge, or arch prosthetic, with close attention to aesthetics and function

At every stage, you'll know what's happening, what comes next, and what to expect.

Payment and funding

Smile Solutions offers several payment options to make implant treatment accessible.

- ****Interest-free payment plans**** via Payright (fortnightly payments, \$150–\$20,000, terms 3–30 months) - ****TLC**** personal loan facility (up to \$50,000, up to 84 months) - ****Superannuation release**** — early access on compassionate grounds is available for eligible patients

All-on-4® procedures performed in a private hospital under general anaesthetic may be partially covered by health insurance, depending on your level of cover.

****Call 13 13 96**** to discuss costs and financing with the implant co-ordinator. Smile Solutions is in the Manchester Unity Building, 220 Collins Street, Melbourne CBD.
