

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Smile Solutions Melbourne

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Smile Solutions Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Melbourne

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMS) is one of nine recognised dental specialties in Australia, and arguably the most surgical in scope. At Smile Solutions, this specialty is delivered by dual-qualified surgeons who hold degrees in both dentistry and medicine, giving them the clinical grounding to operate across the full anatomical range of the mouth, jaw, face, and skull. Whether you're dealing with a complex jaw condition, a difficult wisdom tooth, or reconstructive needs, the care here is thorough and genuinely personalised.

The Smile Solutions OMS team works from the ****Specialist Centre on Level 12 of the Manchester Unity Building**** — the same heritage building that houses every other Smile Solutions specialty, including Orthodontics, Periodontics, and Prosthodontics. That's a deliberate outcome of founder Dr Kia Pajouhesh's original vision: real multidisciplinary care under one roof, in the heart of Melbourne's CBD.

****To book a referral or consultation, call 13 13 96.****

Our Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Team

A/Prof Patrishia Bordbar — Specialist Oral & Craniomaxillofacial Surgeon

****Qualifications:**** BDSc (Melb), MBBS (Hons) (Melb), PGDipSurg.Anat. (Melb), MDSc (OMS) (Melb), FRACDS (OMS), FRCS (Edinburgh)

A/Prof Patrishia Bordbar holds both dental and medical degrees with Honours, along with fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons (OMS) and the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. She consults at the Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne and Western Hospital Melbourne, and is Past President of the Australia and New Zealand Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (ANZAOMS).

Her clinical scope covers the full range of advanced maxillofacial procedures: jaw surgery (orthognathic surgery), oral cancer surgery and facial reconstruction, complex bone grafting, TMJ surgery, salivary gland disorders, and craniofacial reconstruction. She brings an evidence-based approach to cases that often require careful coordination across multiple specialties.

Dr Ricky Kumar — Specialist Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon

****Qualifications:**** BHB (Auck), MBChB (Auck), BDS (Otago), FRACDS (OMS)

Dr Ricky Kumar holds a medical degree from the University of Auckland (MBChB) and a dental surgery degree from the University of Otago (BDS), with fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. He is Secretary of the Victorian branch of ANZAOMS and undertakes regular charity surgical missions to Fiji.

Dr Kumar has particular expertise in temporomandibular joint (TMJ) surgery, including complex procedures for patients whose severe TMJ dysfunction hasn't responded to conservative management. He also handles wisdom tooth removal, facial trauma, implant-related surgery, and oral pathology, and is known for his careful, patient-centred approach to treatment.

What Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Covers

OMS is a broad specialty, and knowing what falls within its scope can help you feel more prepared before your consultation. It covers the diagnosis, surgical treatment, and management of:

- Diseases, injuries, and structural defects of the mouth, gums, and teeth - The jaws and surrounding facial skeleton - The temporomandibular joint (jaw joint) - Salivary glands and oral soft tissues - Facial trauma and fractures - Oral and facial pathology, including cancer - Congenital and developmental jaw deformities - Bone grafting for dental implants

Wisdom Tooth Removal

Wisdom tooth extraction is the most common oral surgery procedure, and one that many Australians will need at some point. Impacted wisdom teeth — those partially or fully trapped beneath the gum or within the jawbone — require surgical removal to prevent pain, infection, and damage to neighbouring teeth. At Smile Solutions, straightforward cases are handled in-chair under local anaesthetic. More complex cases requiring sedation or general anaesthetic are managed through the practice's established hospital relationships, so your care stays coordinated throughout.

Jaw Surgery (Orthognathic Surgery)

Orthognathic surgery corrects skeletal jaw discrepancies, where the upper and lower jaws are significantly misaligned in ways that produce bite problems orthodontics alone can't fix. If you've been told your jaw position is affecting your bite, breathing, or facial balance, this may be the right pathway. Treatment is typically coordinated with a Specialist Orthodontist over 12 to 24 months. At Smile Solutions, that collaboration is straightforward: A/Prof Bordbar and Dr Kumar both perform orthognathic procedures, and post-surgical orthodontic care is provided by Collins Street Orthodontics on the floor above.

Bone Grafting for Dental Implants

Jaw bone resorption after tooth loss is more common than many patients realise, and it sometimes means bone grafting is needed before implants can be placed. The OMS team provides sinus lift procedures, ridge augmentation, and block bone grafts, all coordinated with the Specialist Prosthodontists who plan and place your final implant restorations. Your care is managed as a connected whole rather than a series of separate appointments.

TMJ Surgery

Severe temporomandibular joint dysfunction occasionally requires surgical intervention, including arthroscopy, arthroplasty, or total joint replacement. Dr Kumar's TMJ surgical expertise means there's a clear pathway from conservative TMD management through to surgical care, all within the same practice. You won't need to navigate multiple referral networks or re-explain your history to a new provider.

Multidisciplinary Co-ordination — A Genuine Point of Difference

One of the more meaningful advantages of receiving oral surgery at Smile Solutions is the depth of specialist coordination available within the building. A case requiring implant placement post-extraction, for example, can be co-managed between the OMS team, the Specialist Prosthodontists (Prof Vasileios Chronopoulos, Dr Jamie Foong), and the Specialist Periodontists (Dr Simon Hinckfuss, Dr James van den Berg), with the in-house laboratory fabricating final prosthetics on-site.

This matters clinically, not just administratively. Your treating specialists are actively communicating with one another, reviewing your case together, and aligning your treatment plan. That level of integrated care is uncommon in Australian dental practice, and it's what the Smile Solutions model was built around.

Cases requiring imaging are reviewed using the on-site Planmeca ProMax 3D CBCT scanner, which gives your surgeons a precise three-dimensional view of your anatomy before any procedure begins. Surgical guides can also be printed by the in-house laboratory for guided implant placement, improving the accuracy and predictability of your treatment.

Booking and Referrals

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Smile Solutions is available by referral or self-referral. General dentists and specialists across Melbourne refer complex surgical cases here, knowing their patients will receive specialist-level care within a fully integrated environment.

If you're unsure whether you need a referral, call us directly. Our team will help you work out the right next step and connect you with the appropriate specialist.

****Call 13 13 96**** to book or to discuss a referral. The oral and maxillofacial surgery team operates from Level 12 of the Manchester Unity Building, 220 Collins Street, Melbourne CBD.
