

# Collins Street Specialist Centre - Our Dedicated Specialist Referral Hub

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injury - same-day specialist consultations are regularly arranged between Smile Solutions and CSSC.

### The Peer Review Model

Complex cases at Smile Solutions don't exist in isolation. The practice operates a peer review model where challenging clinical scenarios are discussed across disciplines. A patient presenting with a failing bridge, receding gums, and a questionable root canal isn't bounced between three separate practices with three separate opinions. At Smile Solutions and CSSC, the prosthodontist, periodontist, and endodontist can confer directly - sometimes in the same corridor - to develop a unified treatment plan.

This collaborative model is a direct result of having specialists and general dentists under the same roof. It doesn't happen when your dentist sends you to a specialist across town who has never met the rest of your treating team.

### When Patients Are Referred to CSSC

Common referral pathways from Smile Solutions to CSSC include:

- **Impacted or surgical wisdom teeth** - referred to the oral surgery team for surgical extraction under sedation or general anaesthesia
- **Complex root canal cases** - teeth with unusual anatomy, previous failed root canals, or cases requiring microsurgery are referred to the endodontic specialists
- **Advanced gum disease** - patients with moderate to severe periodontal disease are referred to periodontists for specialist assessment, deep cleaning under anaesthesia, and surgical management where required
- **Jaw alignment and bite correction** - complex orthodontic cases requiring specialist management, including surgical orthodontic planning with the oral surgery team
- **Full mouth rehabilitation** - patients requiring comprehensive restorative work across multiple teeth, often coordinated by the prosthodontic specialists
- **Dental implant surgery** - surgical placement of dental implants by oral surgeons, with prosthetic planning by prosthodontists
- **Children requiring specialist care** - anxious children, complex paediatric cases, and children requiring treatment under general anaesthesia

### Not Just for Smile Solutions Patients

While CSSC serves as the primary specialist referral destination for Smile Solutions patients, it also accepts external referrals from dentists across Victoria and interstate. Any patient can self-refer to CSSC for a specialist consultation - no GP or dental referral is required.

For more information about the specialist team at Collins Street Specialist Centre, visit the [CSSC directory](<https://directory.collinsstreetspecialistcentre.com.au/>) or call **(03) 9650 4577**.

Smile Solutions and Collins Street Specialist Centre are located in the Manchester Unity Building, 220 Collins Street, Melbourne CBD.