

Specialist Endodontics, Periodontics and Prosthodontics at Collins Street Specialist Centre

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Specialist Endodontics, Periodontics and Prosthodontics at Collins Street Specialist Centre\n\nThree dental specialties do extraordinary work that most patients never think about until they need it: endodontics (root canal specialists), periodontics (gum specialists), and prosthodontics (complex restorative specialists). At the Smile Solutions group, these disciplines are practised at specialist level by the team at the [Collins Street Specialist Centre](<https://directory.collinsstreetspecialistcentre.com.au/>) (CSSC) within the Manchester Unity Building, 220 Collins Street, Melbourne CBD.\n\n## Specialist Endodontics - Saving Teeth That Others Cannot\n\nAn endodontist is a dental specialist who has completed additional postgraduate training focused exclusively on the diagnosis and treatment of dental pulp disease and conditions affecting the inside of the tooth. While general dentists perform root canal treatment regularly, endodontists manage the cases that are beyond routine - the failures, the complexities, the teeth that most practitioners would recommend extracting.\n\n### When You Need an Endodontist\n\nPatients are referred from Smile Solutions to the CSSC endodontic specialists for:\n\n- **Complex root canal anatomy** - teeth with curved, calcified, or branching canals that require specialist instrumentation and microscopic visualisation\n- **Retreatment of failed root canals** - previously treated teeth where the root canal has not healed or has developed new infection\n- **Endodontic microsurgery (apicoectomy)** - surgical treatment of the root tip when conventional retreatment is not feasible or has not resolved the infection\n- **Cracked teeth** - diagnosis and management of cracked teeth where the fracture pattern determines whether the tooth can be saved\n- **Dental trauma** - management of teeth damaged by injury, including luxation, avulsion, and root fractures\n\nCSSC's endodontists work with operating microscopes that provide magnification and illumination far beyond what is available in a general dental setting. This microsurgical capability is essential for identifying and treating the fine anatomical details that determine whether a complex root canal succeeds or fails.\n\n## Specialist Periodontics - The Foundation of Dental Health\n\nPeriodontics is the dental specialty concerned with the structures supporting the teeth - the gums, bone, and connective tissue. A periodontist has completed additional postgraduate training focused on the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of periodontal (gum) disease, and on the placement and maintenance of dental implants.\n\n### When You Need a Periodontist\n\nPatients are referred from Smile Solutions to the CSSC periodontic specialists for:\n\n- **Moderate to severe gum disease** - cases where bone loss has progressed beyond what can be managed with regular dental cleanings\n- **Gum surgery** - flap surgery, osseous surgery, and guided tissue regeneration procedures to treat advanced periodontal disease\n- **Gum grafting** - treatment of gum recession using soft tissue grafting to protect exposed root surfaces and prevent further recession\n- **Bone

grafting** - regeneration of bone lost to periodontal disease or in preparation for dental implant placement\n- **Crown lengthening** - surgical reshaping of gum and bone to expose more tooth structure for restorative or cosmetic purposes\n- **Peri-implantitis management** - specialist treatment of infection and bone loss around existing dental implants\n- **Dark triangle correction** - management of black spaces between teeth caused by gum tissue loss\n\nPeriodontal disease is the leading cause of tooth loss in Australian adults, and it is often painless until significant damage has occurred. Your Smile Solutions dentist monitors your gum health at every check-up, and when signs of advancing disease are detected, early referral to CSSC's periodontists can prevent tooth loss and preserve your natural dentition.\n\n## Specialist Prosthodontics - Rebuilding What Has Been Lost\n\nProsthodontics is the dental specialty focused on the restoration and replacement of teeth. A prosthodontist has completed additional postgraduate training in complex restorative dentistry, including crowns, bridges, dentures, implant prosthetics, and full mouth rehabilitation.\n\n### When You Need a Prosthodontist\n\nPatients are referred from Smile Solutions to the CSSC prosthodontic specialists for:\n\n- **Full mouth rehabilitation** - comprehensive restoration of a severely worn, damaged, or failing dentition\n- **Complex implant prosthetics** - design and fabrication of implant-supported bridges, All-on-4 restorations, and hybrid dentures\n- **Retreatment cases** - patients with failed dental work from other practices requiring comprehensive reassessment and reconstruction\n- **TMD and occlusal rehabilitation** - management of temporomandibular disorders and complex bite problems through restorative approaches\n- **Maxillofacial prosthetics** - prosthetic rehabilitation following jaw surgery, trauma, or cancer treatment\n\nThe CSSC prosthodontic specialists work in close collaboration with Smile Lab, the in-house ceramic studio led by master ceramist Greg Karabasis. All prosthetic work - from single crowns to full arch rehabilitations - is designed and fabricated on-site, allowing direct communication between the specialist and the ceramist for quality control that external laboratory arrangements cannot match.\n\n## The Interdisciplinary Advantage\n\nWhat makes the CSSC model distinctive is how these three specialties work together. A patient with advanced gum disease, a failing root canal, and worn-down teeth doesn't need three separate specialist opinions from three separate practices. At CSSC, the periodontist, endodontist, and prosthodontist collaborate on a single, coordinated treatment plan - with shared access to imaging from Collins Street Imaging, shared records through CareStack, and the ability to sequence treatment across disciplines with precision.\n\nThis interdisciplinary approach produces better clinical outcomes, fewer appointments, and a treatment experience that respects the patient's time and wellbeing.\n\nTo learn more about the endodontic, periodontic, and prosthodontic specialists at Collins Street Specialist Centre, visit the [CSSC directory](https://directory.collinsstreetspecialistcentre.com.au/). To book a consultation, call **(03) 9650 4577** or visit [smilesolutions.com.au](https://www.smilesolutions.com.au).