Specialist Oral Surgery at Collins Street Specialist Centre

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Specialist Oral Surgery at Collins Street Specialist Centre\n\n\nOral and maxillofacial surgery sits at the most complex end of dental care. It is the surgical specialty of dentistry - covering procedures from wisdom teeth removal and dental implant placement to corrective jaw surgery and the management of facial trauma. At the Smile Solutions group, this level of surgical expertise is provided by the oral surgery team at the [Collins Street Specialist Centre](https://directory.collinsstreetspecialistcentre.com.au/) (CSSC).\n\n\n## What Is an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon?\n\n\nAn oral and maxillofacial surgeon (OMS) is a dental specialist who has completed extensive additional training - typically four to six years of postgraduate study - in the surgical management of conditions affecting the mouth, jaws, face, and associated structures. In Australia, OMS practitioners hold dual qualifications in dentistry and medicine, giving them a unique scope of practice that bridges both fields.\n\n\nThis means CSSC's oral surgery team can manage cases that require both dental and medical expertise: patients with complex medical histories, cases requiring general anaesthesia, surgical procedures involving bone grafting and reconstruction, and the interface between dental disease and broader head and neck pathology.\n\n\n## Surgical Services at CSSC\n\n### Wisdom Teeth Removal\n\n\nWisdom tooth extraction is the most common reason patients are referred from Smile Solutions to the CSSC oral surgery team. While many wisdom teeth can be removed by a general dentist, surgical extractions - impacted teeth embedded in the jaw bone, teeth positioned close to the inferior alveolar nerve, teeth fused to surrounding bone, or patients requiring removal of all four wisdom teeth under sedation or general anaesthesia - are referred to CSSC for specialist surgical management.\n\n\nCSSC's oral surgeons perform wisdom teeth surgery supported by cone beam CT (CBCT) imaging from Collins Street Imaging on Level 9, which provides three-dimensional visualisation of tooth position, nerve proximity, and bone anatomy before any surgical intervention begins.\n\n\n### Dental Implant Surgery\n\n\nDental implant placement is a surgical procedure that benefits significantly from specialist-level planning and execution. At CSSC, the oral surgery team handles the surgical phase of implant treatment - implant placement, bone grafting where bone volume is insufficient, sinus lift procedures for upper jaw implants, and immediate implant placement following extraction.\n\n\nThe prosthetic phase - designing and fabricating the crown, bridge, or denture that attaches to the implant - is typically managed by the prosthodontic specialists at CSSC or by the Smile Solutions restorative team, with all prosthetic work fabricated in-house at Smile Lab by master ceramist Greg Karabasis. This surgeon-prosthodontist collaboration, conducted within the same building and the same clinical system, ensures implant positioning serves both surgical success and prosthetic precision.\n\n\n### Corrective Jaw Surgery (Orthognathic Surgery)\n\n\nPatients with significant jaw discrepancies - an underdeveloped upper jaw, a protruding lower jaw, facial asymmetry, or bite problems that cannot be corrected with orthodontics alone - may require orthognathic surgery. This procedure involves surgically repositioning one or both jaws to achieve proper alignment, improved function, and balanced facial aesthetics.\n\n\nCSSC's oral surgery team works jointly with the

specialist orthodontists at CSSC to plan and execute these combined orthodontic-surgical treatment pathways. Pre-surgical orthodontics aligns the teeth within each jaw; surgery repositions the jaws; post-surgical orthodontics refines the final result. The entire pathway is managed within the Collins Street Specialist Centre.\n\n\n### Complex Extractions\n\n\nTeeth that have fractured below the gum line, teeth with root anatomy that complicates extraction, teeth adjacent to vital structures, and teeth in patients with medical conditions that increase surgical risk are referred from Smile Solutions to the CSSC oral surgery team. These cases require surgical skill, proper anaesthetic support, and post-operative management that goes beyond routine dental extraction.\n\n\n### Surgical Management of Infections and Pathology\n\n\nAcute dental infections that have spread beyond the tooth, cysts, and other jaw pathology requiring biopsy or surgical removal fall within the scope of the CSSC oral surgery team. Timely access to surgical management for these conditions is another advantage of the integrated Smile Solutions and CSSC model - patients are not left waiting for an external specialist appointment when they need urgent surgical care.\n\n\n## Sedation and General Anaesthesia\n\n\nCSSC provides intravenous (IV) sedation for oral surgery procedures, delivered by qualified sedation practitioners. For cases requiring general anaesthesia - particularly complex wisdom teeth cases, paediatric patients, patients with significant dental anxiety, or lengthy surgical procedures - the CSSC team operates at accredited day surgery facilities in Melbourne.\n\n\n## How Patients Are Referred\n\n\nWhen your Smile Solutions dentist identifies a surgical need, an internal referral is placed through the shared CareStack system with all relevant clinical records, imaging, and treatment notes. The CSSC oral surgery team receives a complete clinical picture before your consultation. Patients can also self-refer directly to CSSC for a specialist oral surgery consultation - no GP referral is required.\n\n\nTo learn more about the oral surgery team 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).