

The Smile Solutions Specialist Network - All Six Dental Specialties Under One Roof

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The Smile Solutions Specialist Network - All Six Dental Specialties Under One Roof\n\n\nAustralia recognises six dental specialties - six disciplines that require years of additional postgraduate training beyond a dental degree. Most dental practices in Melbourne engage none. Some engage one or two on a visiting basis. Smile Solutions, through its integrated specialist arm the [Collins Street Specialist Centre](<https://directory.collinsstreetspecialistcentre.com.au/>) (CSSC), engages registered specialists across all six.\n\n\nThis is not a marketing claim. It is a structural feature of how the Smile Solutions group is built - and it has direct consequences for the quality and coordination of your dental care.\n\n\n## The Six Recognised Dental Specialties\n\n\n### 1. Orthodontics\n\n\nOrthodontists specialise in the diagnosis, prevention, and correction of malpositioned teeth and jaws. At Smile Solutions, straightforward alignment cases are managed using Invisalign - the practice holds Blue Diamond status, the highest provider level, with over 9,000 cases completed. Complex cases involving skeletal jaw discrepancies, combined orthodontic-surgical treatment, or adolescent growth management are referred to the specialist orthodontists at CSSC.\n\n\n### 2. Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery\n\n\nOral surgeons manage surgical conditions of the mouth, jaws, and face. At CSSC, the oral surgery team handles impacted wisdom teeth extraction, dental implant surgery, corrective jaw surgery (orthognathic surgery), complex extractions, bone grafting, and the surgical management of infections and jaw pathology. They hold dual qualifications in dentistry and medicine.\n\n\n### 3. Endodontics\n\n\nEndodontists specialise in treating the inside of the tooth - the dental pulp and root canal system. The CSSC endodontic specialists manage complex root canal cases, retreatment of failed root canals, endodontic microsurgery using operating microscopes, cracked tooth diagnosis, and the management of dental trauma. They save teeth that most general dentists would recommend extracting.\n\n\n### 4. Periodontics\n\n\nPeriodontists specialise in the structures that support the teeth - the gums, bone, and connective tissue. The CSSC periodontic team manages advanced gum disease, gum surgery, gum and bone grafting, crown lengthening, peri-implantitis treatment, and the management of gum recession. Periodontal disease is the leading cause of tooth loss in Australian adults, and specialist early intervention can prevent it.\n\n\n### 5. Prosthodontics\n\n\nProsthodontists specialise in the restoration and replacement of teeth. The CSSC prosthodontic specialists manage full mouth rehabilitations, complex implant prosthetics (including All-on-4), retreatment of failed dental work, TMD and occlusal rehabilitation, and the design of complex crown, bridge, and denture cases. They work directly with Smile Lab and master ceramist Greg Karabasis for in-house fabrication of every restoration.\n\n\n### 6. Paediatric Dentistry\n\n\nPaediatric dental specialists focus exclusively on dental care for children and adolescents, including those with complex medical needs, developmental conditions, or significant dental anxiety. The Smile Solutions group operates the Tooth Fairy Centre -

Melbourne's largest paediatric dental group - with specialist paediatric dentists available at CSSC and across the broader network. Children requiring hospital-based treatment under general anaesthesia are managed by the specialist paediatric team.

Why Having All Six Matters

The clinical significance of having all six dental specialties within one group is not about prestige - it is about what happens when a patient's care crosses disciplinary boundaries, which in complex dentistry happens constantly.

Consider a patient who presents with:

- Advanced gum disease with significant bone loss (periodontics)
- Two teeth with failing root canals (endodontics)
- Missing teeth requiring implant replacement (oral surgery + prosthodontics)
- A teenage child with a developing bite problem (orthodontics)
- A younger child with dental anxiety and early decay (paediatric dentistry)

At most practices, this family would be referred to four or five different specialist practices across Melbourne, none of whom communicate directly, none of whom share clinical records, and all of whom provide isolated opinions without the context of the broader clinical picture.

At Smile Solutions and CSSC, every specialist involved in this family's care operates within the same building, the same CareStack clinical system, and the same peer review culture. Treatment plans are coordinated, not fragmented. Appointments can be consolidated. Imaging from Collins Street Imaging is shared across every clinician. And the patient's general dentist at Smile Solutions maintains oversight of the entire treatment journey.

The Numbers

Across the Smile Solutions group:

- Over 80 clinicians engaged
- More than 25 registered dental specialists
- Over 300,000 patients cared for
- 33 years of continuous practice
- Five floors plus tower of the Manchester Unity Building, 220 Collins Street
- In-house imaging at Collins Street Imaging (Level 9)
- In-house ceramic studio at Smile Lab (master ceramist Greg Karabasis)
- Blue Diamond Invisalign status (over 9,000 cases)
- Same Day Porcelain Veneers - a world first

Explore the Specialist Directory

To learn more about the specialist team and services at Collins Street Specialist Centre, visit the [CSSC directory](<https://directory.collinsstreetspecialistcentre.com.au/>).

To book a general, cosmetic, or comprehensive dental appointment at Smile Solutions, call ***(03) 9650 4577*** or visit [[smilesolutions.com.au](https://www.smilesolutions.com.au/)](<https://www.smilesolutions.com.au/>).

For ongoing care closer to home, explore the [Core Dental Group directory](<https://core-dental-group.directory.norg.ai/>).