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jaw) surgery for bite problems, facial asymmetry and sleep apnoea Facial trauma, including fractures of the jaws, cheeks, eye sockets, nose and forehead Surgical correction of cleft and craniofacial deformities Cysts and tumours of the mouth, jaws, head and neck Temporomandibular joint (TMJ) pain and dysfunction requiring surgical management Osseointegrated (bone fused) craniofacial implants for facial prostheses (nose, eyes and ears). Specialist Orthodontist Orthodontists focus solely on matters concerning the alignment of teeth and bite. Only a specialist orthodontist can give you an accurate and informed recommendations for the best orthodontic options for your teeth to help you achieve the smile you desire and a good bite. Orthodontists hold a degree in dentistry, a masters degree in orthodontics and must be registered as a specialist orthodontist by the Australian Health and Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA). You may be referred to an orthodontist for: Teeth straightening Bite problems and alignment imbalances in jaw growth Specialist Endodontics Endodontics focuses on the treatment of the tooth pulp (containing blood supply and nerves) and the tissues surrounding the tooth root(s). Specialist Endodontists hold a degree in general dentistry as well as a postgraduate degree in endodontics. The latter involves a further three to four years of advanced education specific to endodontics. You may be referred to an endodontist for: Root canal treatment and retreatment Treatment and management of cracked teeth Treatment of dental trauma. Treatment of diseased or injured tooth pulp Internal tooth whitening Specialist Paedodontist Paediatric dentistry is a specialist field of dentistry which provides comprehensive oral health care for children from newborns to adolescents. A paediatric dentist focuses on the growth, development and treatment/decay prevention in a child's baby teeth and emerging adult teeth. A registered specialist paediatric dentist completes further three to four years study to obtain a masters degree or an equivalent degree in children's dentistry on top of their general dentistry degree. Your child may be referred to a paedodontist for : Injury to the mouth or teeth; Severe overcrowding of their teeth; Problems with taking care of their own dental hygiene at home; Visible decay at a very young age (2-4 years old); More than one serious cavity; Severe tooth ache; Swelling of the gums or cheeks; If they have a fear of the dentist; or any other special needs in the behavioural arena. Specialist Periodontist A periodontist is a dentist who specialises in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of periodontal disease (more commonly known as gum disease), and in the placement of dental implants, bone grafts and gum lifts. Periodontists study for a further three to four years for a masters degree or equivalent specific training on top of their general dentist training You may be referred to a periodontist for: Implant surgery to replace missing teeth or teeth that cannot be saved by conventional means. Bone grafting, or bone augmentation Gum lift Specialist Prosthodontist A prosthodontist specialises in the restoration and replacement of teeth. They have specialist understanding of the dynamics of a smile, the preservation of a healthy mouth, and the creation of replacement teeth and jaws; crowns, bridges, veneers, implants and dentures. After completing a four to five year dental degree with honours, prosthodontists undertake a further three years of specialised training to obtain a Masters Degree of Prosthodontics. Prosthodontists work closely with dental technicians to ensure that each custom-made prosthesis is natural looking, attractive and comfortable enough to wear everyday. You may be referred to see a prosthodontist for: Placing complete fixed crowns or bridges on teeth; Placing colour-matched veneers onto teeth to conceal defects; Teeth damaged by decay, trauma, erosion or general wear and tear Changing the shape of teeth or closing gaps using bonding technology Cosmetic dentistry to bleach discoloured teeth to brighten and whiten your smile. Treatment and recreation teeth and jaws for patients with birth defects such as cleft palate; conditions such as temporomandibular joint disorders (TMD); traumatic injuries; and complex restorations for patients who have undergone treatment for head and neck cancer. Contact Us is both a general practice and a dental specialist clinic. Feel free to call our dental specialist clinic, no matter whether your needs are straightforward or complex. We will put you in the caring, qualified hands of a suitable practitioner. 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