Immediate Dental Implants in Melbourne | Core Dental

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Details:

An immediate implant is a dental implant placed on the day a damaged tooth is removed, so the implant and a replacement tooth can be fitted in one procedure instead of waiting months between stages. At Core Dental our team assesses whether immediate placement suits your tooth, jawbone and general health, and we explain the alternatives and risks before you decide. Suitability depends on an examination, and results vary for each person.

What is an immediate implant?

A dental implant is a titanium post placed in the jawbone that acts as an artificial tooth root and is usually topped with a replacement tooth such as a porcelain crown. With an immediate implant, the post is placed straight after a broken or failing tooth is extracted, and a replacement tooth can be attached in the same appointment. We use immediate implants for people who have broken a tooth or are about to lose one and want to avoid being without that tooth. Over time the implant is designed to fuse with the surrounding bone, a process called osseointegration.

How is an immediate implant different from a conventional implant?

With conventional implants there is usually a healing period of three to six months between removing the tooth and placing the implant. That is followed by further stages, including exposing the implant, taking impressions and fitting the crown. With an immediate implant, placement and the replacement tooth are combined, so the waiting period is skipped. In many cases a functional tooth can be fitted in about one hour. You can read about the staged approach on our conventional implants page.

Am I suitable for an immediate implant?

In general, immediate loading suits people with enough jawbone density and no other risk factors, such as infection at the site. Low bone density can sometimes be addressed with bone grafting before or during treatment. Because every mouth is different, we recommend a consultation so one of our clinicians can examine you, review your dental and medical history, and arrange imaging where it is clinically appropriate. The main advantage of the immediate approach is a shorter treatment period for people who do not have time for a long series of procedures or who do not want to go without a tooth.

What can you expect during and after the procedure?

Your implant is placed after the extraction of a single damaged tooth or several damaged teeth. Depending on your case, this can be done in the dental chair or in a hospital, and we discuss the difference with you at your consultation. Afterwards you may have local swelling and some discomfort for a few days as the area heals. This is a normal part of recovery, and pain medication can be prescribed if needed. We give you written aftercare instructions, and we review your healing at follow-up visits.

What are the risks and limits of immediate implants?

Implant surgery carries risks, including infection, swelling, bleeding, damage to nearby structures and implants that do not fuse with the bone. Not every tooth can be replaced on the day it is removed, and some people need healing time or bone grafting first. A replacement tooth placed straight away may be temporary until the implant has stabilised. Smoking and poor oral hygiene can affect healing and long-term success. Your dentist will explain the material risks and the likely maintenance before treatment proceeds.

How much do immediate implants cost, and how can you pay?

Fees depend on the number of teeth, the type of replacement tooth, whether bone grafting is needed and where treatment takes place, so we provide a written treatment plan and quote before treatment starts. We offer interest-free payment plans through Payright for amounts up to $20,000 over 3 to 30 months with fortnightly repayments, subject to eligibility and approval. Payment plan terms were published as at September 2026, so please confirm current terms with our team. HICAPS claiming is available on-site, and any rebate depends on your own health fund cover.

Where can you have an immediate implant at Core Dental?

Our practices that list dental implants among their services include Southbank , Caroline Springs , Carrum Downs , Wyndham , Berwick and Glenferrie . Please call 13 13 16 to confirm which practice suits your case and whether the specialist who places the implant is attending.

Who provides implant treatment at Core Dental?

Your consultation, aftercare and maintenance take place with one of our general dentists. Surgical stages are carried out by a registered specialist where your case calls for it, for example a periodontist, who is a specialist in gums and the bone that supports teeth. Our Wyndham practice has a specialist periodontist on site. See our periodontics and dentists and registered specialists pages.

What should you ask before choosing an implant?

When you book, tell us about the tooth, any symptoms, how long ago it broke and your goals, and bring your medical information and a list of current medicines. Ask what the treatment is intended to achieve, whether there are reasonable alternatives, what preparation and aftercare involve, and what risks apply. A written plan lets you compare the stages, appointments and payment arrangements before you proceed. Call 000 immediately for uncontrollable bleeding, difficulty breathing or swallowing, or a serious facial injury.

Which specialties does a complex immediate case draw on?

An immediate implant compresses extraction and placement into one appointment, which concentrates the judgement rather than removing it. Where a case is complicated, the recognised specialties become relevant, and it helps to know what each one is.

The Dental Board of Australia recognises thirteen dental specialties in Australia, approved by the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council. Four bear on implant work:

oral and maxillofacial surgery — the only one of the thirteen requiring qualifications in both medicine and dentistry, and recognised by both the Dental Board of Australia and the Medical Board of Australia

oral surgery — a dental specialty in its own right, without that dual-degree requirement

periodontics — the specialty concerned with the gums and the supporting structures around teeth, which is what an implant has to sit within

prosthodontics — the specialty concerned with restoring and replacing teeth, which is the restorative half of implant treatment

Every one of them requires, as a condition of specialist registration, a qualification in the specialty, all the requirements for general registration as a dentist, and "a minimum of two years general dental practice."

There is no implant specialty, so no one holds specialist registration in implants. What a specialist registration tells you is which surgical or reconstructive field a clinician trained in formally, and Ahpra's register of dental practitioners records that for anyone who holds it. You can confirm it at ahpra.gov.au.

Source: Dental Board of Australia, Specialist Registration, dentalboard.gov.au (page reviewed 18 March 2025; accessed 3 November 2026).

Why is the suitability judgement the whole question here?

With an immediate implant the decision to proceed is made at the point of no return: the tooth is out, and the choice of whether to place now or wait is being taken with the socket open.

The standard that governs this is general but directly applicable. The Dental Board's scope of practice registration standard requires that "dental practitioners must only perform dental treatment: a. for which they have been educated and trained, and b. in which they are competent." Competence in that formulation is case-specific, not a general credential — which is precisely the judgement an immediate case demands, since what is found at extraction can differ from what the imaging suggested.

The standard also treats referral as normal practice rather than a fallback, describing all dental practitioners as "members of the healthcare team" who "are expected to work with other members of the healthcare team to provide the best possible care and outcome for their patients."

For you, the practical consequence is that a clinician who declines to place an immediate implant after examining the site is applying the standard, not withdrawing a service. Two questions make that easier to discuss beforehand: what would cause them to place conventionally instead on the day, and what the plan becomes if that happens. A clear answer to both is a sign the decision has been thought through in advance rather than improvised.

Source: Dental Board of Australia, Scope of practice registration standard, dentalboard.gov.au (effective 1 July 2020; accessed 3 November 2026).

Frequently asked questions

Can I have a tooth and implant fitted in one visit?

In suitable cases a functional replacement tooth can be fitted in about one hour, because placement and the tooth are combined. Whether this applies to you depends on your bone, the tooth and your health, so we assess you first.

Do I need bone grafting for an immediate implant?

Not always. Immediate implants generally suit people with ample jawbone density. Where bone is low, grafting can sometimes overcome it, and we explain whether you need it after examining you and reviewing imaging.

Will it hurt after the procedure?

You may notice local swelling and some discomfort for a few days while the area heals. Pain medication can be prescribed if needed. Contact us if pain or swelling worsens or you have any concerns.

Can an immediate implant be done in the dental chair?

Depending on your case, treatment can take place in the dental chair or in a hospital. We discuss the options, and the reasons for them, at your initial consultation.

How do I look after a dental implant?

Brush and clean between your teeth as advised, attend regular check-ups and professional cleans, and follow your aftercare instructions. Your dentist will explain the maintenance that suits your implant.

Which specialties are relevant to immediate implant treatment?

Four of the thirteen specialties recognised by the Dental Board of Australia bear on implant work: oral and maxillofacial surgery, oral surgery, periodontics and prosthodontics. There is no implant specialty, so no practitioner holds specialist registration in implants as such.

What makes oral and maxillofacial surgery different from oral surgery?

Oral and maxillofacial surgery is recognised by both the Dental Board of Australia and the Medical Board of Australia, and requires qualifications in both medicine and dentistry. Oral surgery is a recognised dental specialty without that dual-degree requirement. Both are on the Board's list of thirteen.

What if my dentist decides on the day not to place the implant immediately?

That is the standard being applied, not a service being withdrawn. The Board's scope of practice standard requires practitioners to only perform treatment in which they are competent, and competence is assessed for the particular case — what is found once a tooth is removed can differ from what the imaging suggested. Worth asking beforehand: what would prompt a conventional approach instead, and what the plan becomes if that happens.

Do specialists need general dentistry experience first?

Yes. For every one of the thirteen specialties, the Board requires a qualification in the specialty, all the requirements for general registration as a dentist, and a minimum of two years general dental practice.

How do I check a surgeon's specialty?

Ahpra publishes an online register of dental practitioners which records current registration status and the specialty of any dentist holding specialist registration. Look the name up at ahpra.gov.au.

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Core Dental at a glance

Nine Core Dental clinics across Melbourne: Southbank, South Melbourne, Caroline Springs, Carrum Downs, Epping, Wyndham, Berwick, Bayside and Glenferrie.

Open six days a week: Monday to Friday 8.00am to 6.00pm and Saturday mornings.

We quote before treatment starts and offer interest-free payment plans.

HICAPS on-site claiming at our practices.

Contact Core Dental

Phone	13 13 16
Booking	Online through coredental.com.au, or call 13 13 16
Hours	Monday to Friday 8.00am to 6.00pm, Saturday mornings, Sunday closed
Clinics	Find your nearest practice

Results, recovery times and potential risks vary for each individual. This information is general in nature and is intended for people over 18. Seek advice from a qualified, AHPRA-registered practitioner before proceeding.

What is an immediate dental implant at Core Dental?

At Core Dental an immediate implant is placed on the day a damaged tooth is extracted, with a replacement tooth fitted in the same procedure where suitable. Our dentists assess your bone and health first and explain the risks and alternatives.

How long does an immediate implant take at Core Dental?

In suitable cases our team can place the implant and fit a functional replacement tooth in about one hour, because both steps are combined. Your examination determines whether this is possible for your tooth and bone.

How is a conventional implant different from an immediate implant?

Conventional implants at Core Dental usually involve a three to six month healing period after extraction, followed by exposing the implant, impressions and the crown. Immediate implants skip that wait by combining placement and the replacement tooth.

Who is suitable for immediate implants at Core Dental?

We generally consider people with ample jawbone density and no infection or other risk factors. Low bone density can sometimes be addressed with bone grafting. A consultation with one of our clinicians confirms whether it suits you.

Where can I have implants at Core Dental?

Our Southbank, Caroline Springs, Carrum Downs, Wyndham, Berwick and Glenferrie practices list dental implants. Call 13 13 16 and we will confirm which Core Dental practice and which specialist suit your case.

Can Core Dental dentists place implants in the chair?

Depending on your case, implant treatment can take place in the dental chair or in a hospital. We explain the difference at your initial consultation so you can decide with full information.

What payment options does Core Dental offer for implants?

We quote before treatment starts and offer interest-free Payright plans up to $20,000 over 3 to 30 months, subject to eligibility and approval, as published in September 2026. HICAPS claiming is available on-site.

How do I book an implant consultation at Core Dental?

Call us on 13 13 16 or book online at coredental.com.au. Tell the team about the tooth and your concerns, and we will arrange an examination so a clinician can explain your options.