

## CLINICAL DENTISTRY DEPARTMENT

### ***Welcome to our department -***

The Sydney University dental student clinic, located in the Clinical Dentistry Department, is a 31 chair facility and is situated on Level 5 of the Sydney Dental Hospital.

The clinic offers clients treatment by dental students which may include general oral care, prosthodontics, Endodontics, periodontics and restorative treatment in a teaching environment.

### ***Description of treatment offered -***

**Prosthodontic treatment** aims to replace lost teeth with artificial crowns, bridges or dentures. A crown is a dental restoration which completely caps or encircles a tooth. Bridges are artificial teeth anchored to natural teeth. Crowns and bridges are often made of porcelain and metal alloy. A denture is a removable replacement for missing teeth and surrounding tissues. Two types of dentures are available -- complete and partial dentures. Complete dentures are used when all the teeth are missing, while partial dentures are used when some natural teeth remain.

**Endodontic treatment** also called root canal treatment, aims to clean the infected/inflamed root canal inside the root of the tooth and provides a filling for the root canal which may result in the tooth being saved from extraction.

**Periodontic treatment** deals with prevention, diagnosis and treatment of gum disease. A wide range of treatments, such as scaling and root planning (in which the infected surface of the root is cleaned) or root surface debridement (in which damaged tissue is removed) is offered.

**Restorative treatment** aims to restore the condition of the patient's teeth for functional and appearance purposes.

### ***How to prepare for your visit to the Clinical Dentistry Department -***

- Arrive 15 minutes before your appointment time and present their Sydney Dental Hospital appointment card, a current Centrelink entitlement card (Health Care Card / Veteran Affairs Card / Pensioner Concession Card) and a current Medicare Card to Level 5 reception desk.
- Provide your dental student with an

### ***What to expect -***

- The Clinical Dentistry Department is a learning environment and so we ask that clients understand that appointments are lengthy (up to 3 hours long).
- Treatment provided by students is supervised by clinical educators and specialists at all times.
- As dental students are rostered to

up to date list of medications you currently take

- As interpreters are not provided in the student clinic patients need to be able to communicate in English or bring a friend/relative to help interpret.

a number of different clinics and have University breaks the appointments provided at the SDH may be far apart.

- Children are not permitted in treatment cubicles for safety reasons.