

# Healthcare associated pneumonia (HAP) Why should we bother and what can we do?

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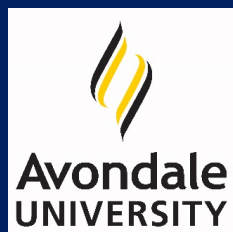
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# Overview

- Why?
- Causes
- Strategies to prevention HAP
- Challenges and opportunities for HAP prevention and future work

# Why? - Frequency

- Pneumonia = 21.4% of HAIs in acute care hospitals
  - 60% not related to ventilation (Magill et al, 2018)
- Pneumonia = 3.7% of HAIs in long term care facilities
  - Other RTI 22%

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RESEARCH

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The prevalence of healthcare associated infections among adult inpatients at nineteen large Australian acute-care public hospitals: a point prevalence survey



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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Multistate Point-Prevalence Survey of Health Care–Associated Infections

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# Why? - Burden

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## Burden of five healthcare associated infections in Australia

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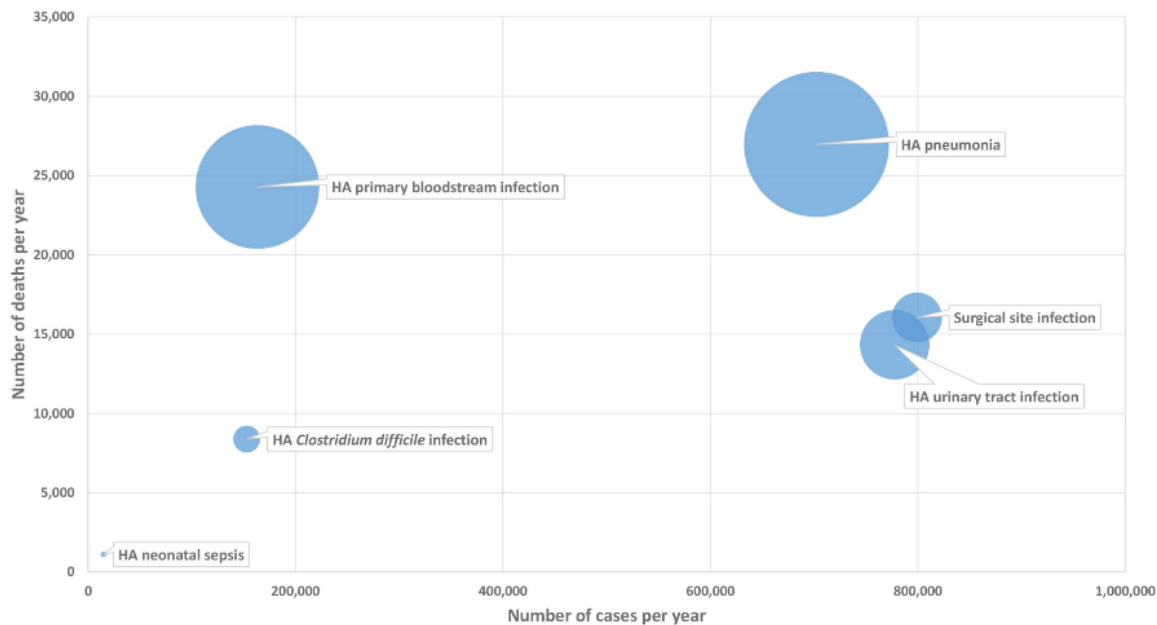


**Table 1** Annual burden of five healthcare associated infections (HAIs), estimated from Australian point prevalence survey data from 2018

	Number of HAIs (95% UI)	Deaths (95% UI)	DALYs (95% UI)	YLL (95% UI)	YLD (95% UI)
SSI	44,238 (31,176–63,797)	876 (617–1263)	13,197 (9298–19,001)	12,982 (9149–18,722)	214 (145–317)
UTI	42,408 (25,200–68,735)	729 (259–1772)	16,087 (5939–37,218)	10,983 (3899–26,704)	4879 (1745–11,659)
CDI	5125 (2360–10,740)	262 (13–836)	2757 (241–8655)	2,635 (128–8403)	127 (21–384)
HAP	51,499 (31,343–82,877)	1904 (462–4430)	39,276 (17,608–77,915)	23,245 (5644–54,078)	15,684 (8038–28,817)
BSI	23,979 (15,658–36,245)	3512 (1874–6075)	46,773 (26,205–79,104)	39,665 (21,159–68,610)	6,964 (3660–12,446)
All	170,574 (135,779–213,898)	7583 (4941–11,135)	122,376 (85,136–172,784)	93,322 (61,443–135,722)	28,669 (18,571–43,924)

Numbers inside brackets indicate 95% uncertainty intervals (UI). SSI surgical site infections, UTI urinary tract infections, CDI *Clostridioides difficile* infection, HAP healthcare acquired pneumonia, BSI bloodstream infection, DALYs disability adjusted life years, YLL years of life lost, YLD years lived with disability

# Why? - Burden



**Fig 1. Six healthcare-associated infections according to their number of cases per year (x-axis), number of deaths per year (y-axis), and DALYs per year (width of bubble), EU/EEA, 2011–2012 (time discounting was not applied). DALY, disability-adjusted life year; HA, healthcare-associated.**

RESEARCH ARTICLE

## Burden of Six Healthcare-Associated Infections on European Population Health: Estimating Incidence-Based Disability-Adjusted Life Years through a Population Prevalence-Based Modelling Study

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# Why? – Morbidity and mortality

- HAP (NV-HAP) is also associated with increased length of stay in hospital and increased patient morbidity and mortality
  - 19% of patients with HAP required transfer into an intensive care unit (ICU)  
(Baker & Quinn, Am J Infect Control 2018;46:2-7)
  - Mortality 18%  
(Davis & Finley, Pennsylvania Patient Safety Authority. Patient Saf Advis 2012;9:99-105)
  - Patients with HAP are eight times more likely to die in hospital, than similar patients without HAP  
(Micek et al, Chest 2016;150:1008-14)



# Why? – Morbidity and mortality

- Retrospective cohort study with propensity score matched populations (NV-HAP vs no NV-HAP)
- NV-HAP occurred in **0.6% of admissions**
- Mean **LOS 26.3 days for NV HAP** (6.7 days other HAP)
- **30-day mortality was 18.4%** (4.5% other HAP),
- **1 year mortality was 47.8%** (21.4% other HAP)
- Inpatient **sepsis** occurred in approximately **20%** of NV-HAP admissions



# Why? – Antimicrobial resistance

- HAP is a most common HAIs and is responsible for a large proportion of inappropriate antimicrobial use
  - 24.8% of antimicrobial prescribing of HCA pneumonia was inappropriate



# Pathogenesis

- HAP occurs because of aspiration of the patients' own oropharyngeal material, with hospital respiratory pathogens more commonly found in the mouths of those who are unable to clear secretions

(Ewan V, et al, Age and ageing 2017;46:352-8)




# Risk factors

- Frailty
- Age
- Male
- Swallowing difficulties

## Disclaimer

- Incidence vs prevalence
- Studies not been designed to answer this question


# Risk factors

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## Incidence and risk factors of non-device-associated pneumonia in an acute-care hospital

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163,000 admissions;  
Rate 4.5/10,000 patient days  
Male, age bronchitis, heart failure, immunosuppressed



# Strategies to prevention HAP

PREVENTION



# Strategies to prevention HAP: Systematic review

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Review


## Strategies to reduce non-ventilator-associated hospital-acquired pneumonia: A systematic review


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**REVIEW** **Open Access**

Prevention of hospital-acquired pneumonia in non-ventilated adult patients: a narrative review 

Leonor Pássaro<sup>1</sup>, Stephan Harbarth<sup>1</sup> and Caroline Landelle<sup>1,2,3\*</sup> 

## 15 articles

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Chen et al., 2016 [40]	Cohort	873	Hospital (Intensive Care Unit)	Oral care	YES
Cuesy et al., 2010 [33]	RCT	223	Hospital	Physical activity	YES
Johansen et al., 2016 [37]	Cohort	88	Hospital (Ear, Nose and Throat Department)	Prophylactic antibiotics	YES
McNally et al., 2018 [38]	Quasi-experimental	2891	Hospital (non-ICU)	Oral care	NO
Quinn et al., 2014 [14]	Quasi-experimental		Hospital	Oral care	Decrease+
Robertson et al., 2013 [20]	Quasi-experimental	85	Hospital (acute neurosurgical unit)	Oral care	YES
Schrock et al., 2018 [35]	Cohort	2372	Hospital	Dysphagia screen	YES
Stolbrink et al., 2014 [34]	Quasi-experimental	156	Hospital (respiratory and elderly wards)	Physical activity	YES
Titsworth et al., 2013 [36]	Cohort	2334	Hospital	Dysphagia screen	YES
Wagner et al., 2016 [39]	Cohort	1656	Hospital	Oral care	YES
Yoneyama et al., 2012 [31]	RCT	366	Nursing Home	Oral care (professional)	NO

Note: + significance values not provided.

### RCT

- 3 in NH
- 3 in hospital

### RCT

- 4 professional care
- 2 physical activity



## Oral care: No RCT

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# Prevention: Oral care

**Table 3** Summary of findings involving oral care and healthcare associated pneumonia.

Study (first author)	Outcome	Intervention (n)		Control (n)	
		Event	Total	Event	Total
<b>Professional dental care</b>					
Adachi	Fatal aspiration pneumonia	2	40	8	48
Bellisimo-Rodrigues	Pneumonia in non-ventilated patients	0	127	1	127
Yoneyama	Pneumonia	21	184	34	182
Bourigault	Fatal pneumonia	14	184	30	182
	Patients with pneumonia	93	868	203	1645
	Fatal pneumonia	15	868	26	1645
<b>Non-professional dental care</b>					
Chen	Hospital acquired pneumonia	84	661	44	212
McNally	Hospital acquired pneumonia	25	1403	26	1487
Quinn	Hospital acquired pneumonia	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
Robertson	Hospital acquired pneumonia	2	32	13	51
Wagner	Hospital acquired pneumonia (post-stroke)	98	949	99	707

Significant heterogeneity in interventions

- Type
- Frequency
- Antiseptic



# Prevention: Oral care

- Unsurprisingly, evidence suggests that improving oral care may reduce the incidence of HAP  
(Pássaro L, et al, Antimicrob Resist Infect Control 2016;5:43)
- Improvements in oral care are considered a modifiable risk factor for HAP

# Prevention: Oral care

- Effectiveness of standardised oral care
- Oral care
  - ↑ 0.95 to 2.25 / day
- NV-HAP incidence rate
  - ↓ 82%

ORIGINAL RESEARCH



OPEN

## Oral Care as Prevention for Nonventilator Hospital-Acquired Pneumonia: A Four-Unit Cluster Randomized Study

American Journal of Nursing (2021)

Karen K. Giuliano, Daleen Penoyer, Aurea Middleton, Dian Baker

# The challenges with oral care



# The challenges with oral care

- While oral care may seem deceptively simple in terms of base care provision, hospital and nursing services struggle to provide effective oral care delivery with high-reliability.
- Barriers to oral care include:
  - (1) the perception that oral care is an optional daily care activity for patient's comfort
  - (2) hospitals supply inadequate, poorly designed oral care materials, and
  - (3) hospitals are not required to monitor the incidence of NV-HAP.
- Munro, S., & Baker, D. (2018). Reducing missed oral care opportunities to prevent non-ventilator associated hospital acquired pneumonia at the Department of Veterans Affairs. *Applied Nursing Research*, 44, 48-53.

# Podcast on infection control matters: HAP

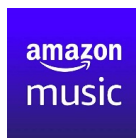
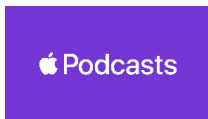


Professor Dian Baker

- “The human and financial cost of HAP”

Dr Mark Garvey

- “Mouth care matters”



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# Other considerations

**We know oral care is sub-standard, and improving oral care is hard**

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## REVIEW

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### Oral care practices in non-mechanically ventilated intensive care unit patients: An integrative review

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#### Abstract

**Aims and objectives:** To explore current oral care practices in nonmechanically ventilated ICU patients.

**Background:** Oral hygiene is an important aspect of nursing care in hospitalised populations. Oral care is a disease preventive and cost-effective measure for patients, particularly in ICU patients. Numerous studies support the value of oral care prac-

## Variation in

- ✓ Type of oral care
- ✓ Products used
- ✓ Frequency
- ✓ Documented practices
- ✓ Staff performing



# Other considerations

We know oral care is sub-standard, and improving oral care is hard

Original Article

## Oral Care Clinical Trial to Reduce Non-Intensive Care Unit, Hospital-Acquired Pneumonia: Lessons for Future Research

Edel McNally • Gintas P. Krisciunas • Susan E. Langmore • Janet T. Crimlisk • Jessica M. Pisegna • Joseph Massaro

### ABSTRACT

Hospital-acquired pneumonia (HAP) contributes greatly to patient mortality and healthcare costs. Studies have shown that aggressive oral care in intensive care units (ICUs) can significantly reduce pneumonia rates, and hospitals have implemented stringent protocols in this setting. However, little is known about the effectiveness of aggressive oral care in reducing HAP in non-intensive care wards, prompting us to conduct a nonrandomized controlled clinical trial. A structured toothbrushing program was provided to an experimental cohort of patients. A control group received usual care. Patient demographics, toothbrushing frequency, and pneumonia diagnosis were recorded over a 3.5-month period. Difference in pneumonia rates was computed using unadjusted and multivariate logistic regression analyses. No significant difference in pneumonia rates between control and experimental groups was found (1.7% versus 1.8%). Toothbrushing rates increased significantly in the experimental group ( $p = .002$ ) but fell short of protocol frequency. It became apparent that aggressive toothbrushing program implementation requires nursing-led interdisciplinary involvement, more intensive training, a streamlined documentation system, and efficient compliance tracking. Lessons from this study should be used for future large-scale research. A secondary analysis of these data did, however, suggest that increasing toothbrushing rates may have the potential to reduce pneumonia in the non-ICU acute care setting.

**Keywords:** hospital-acquired pneumonia, oral care, toothbrushing

- Aggressive oral care
- Non randomised trial
- No difference in pneumonia found
- Tooth brushing rates increased but fell short of protocol frequency
- Average 1.2 to 1.6 day (goal 3 times a day)

# Prevention: Dysphagia

- Non-randomised studies used dysphagia screening as the primary method for NV-HAP prevention
  - dysphagia screening test was applied to all acute stroke patients in the emergency department.
  - a nurse-led bedside dysphagia screen and a rapid clinical swallow undertaken by a speech pathologist

(Schrock et al., 2018; Titsworth et al., 2013)

# Prevention: Movement

- Studies that involve a form of physical activity as a way of reducing the incidence of NV-HAP
  - effect of turning and passive mobilisation on patients with acute ischemic stroke (TurnMob study) (Cuesy et al., 2010) (RCT)
  - pre-operative patient education, early ambulation and self-directed breathing exercises, and additional pre-operative physiotherapy (Boden et al., 2018) (RCT)
  - physiotherapy-based intervention that involved early mobilisation in patients following a hip fracture (Stolbrink et al., 2014 )

# Diagnosis



# Diagnosis


Used different definitions for determining cases of NV-HAP, including

- ❖ Chest radiography with clinical symptoms of pneumonia
- ❖ Administrative coding data
- ❖ Clinical Pulmonary Infection Score
- ❖ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) definition
- ❖ National professional guidelines
- ❖ Less clear or did not specify the diagnostic approach

# Diagnosis


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Original article

Development and validation of a semi-automated surveillance system—lowering the fruit for non-ventilator-associated hospital-acquired pneumonia (nvHAP) prevention<sup>☆</sup>

A. Wolfensberger<sup>1,\*</sup>, W. Jakob<sup>2</sup>, M. Faes Hesse<sup>1</sup>, S.P. Kuster<sup>1</sup>, A.H. Meier<sup>1</sup>, P.W. Schreiber<sup>1</sup>, L. Clack<sup>1</sup>, H. Sax<sup>1</sup>


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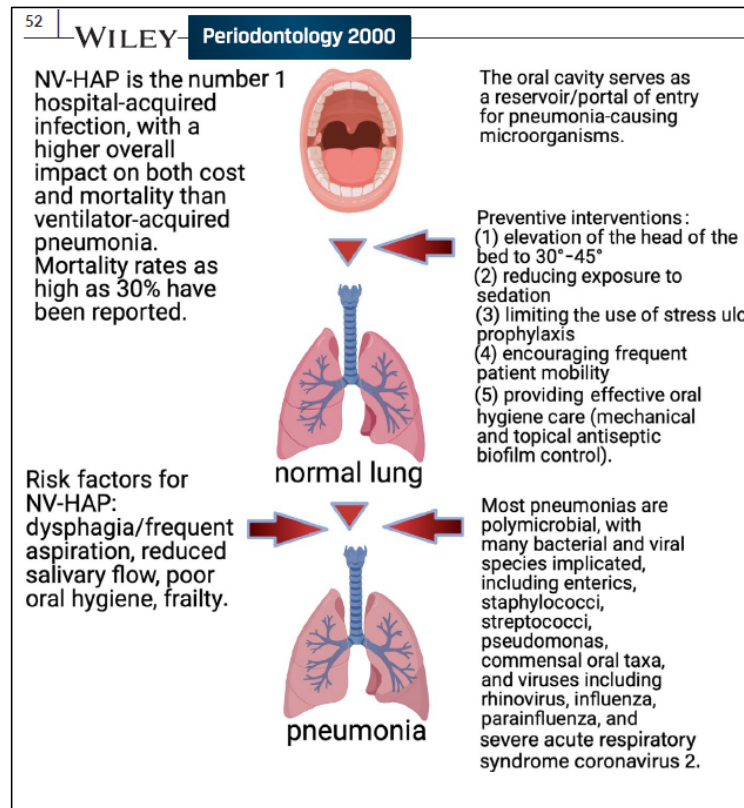
Research paper

**How accurately is hospital acquired pneumonia documented for the correct assignment of a hospital acquired complication (HAC)?**

D. Bartley<sup>a</sup>, R. Panchasarp<sup>a</sup>, S. Bowen<sup>b</sup>, J. Deane<sup>c</sup>, J.K. Ferguson<sup>c,d,\*</sup>

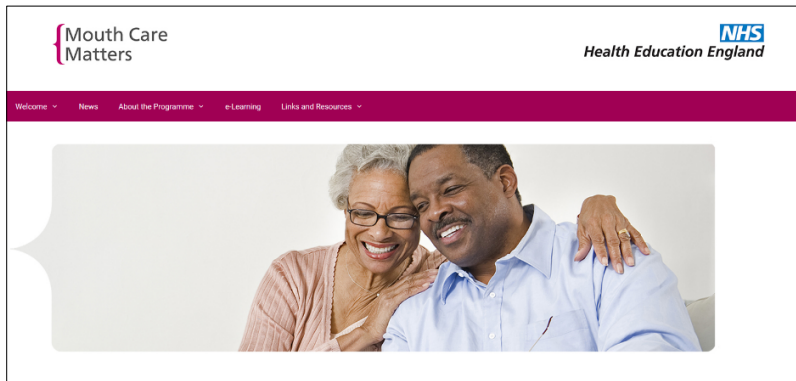
# Take home messages

- Oral care
- Dysphagia
- Mobilisation



- Scannapieco, F. A., Giuliano, K. K., & Baker, D. (2022). *Periodontology 2000*, 89(1), 51-58.

# Other considerations





# Other considerations

Study designs are a challenge

Sample  
size

Outcomes

Randomisation

Consent

# Opportunities



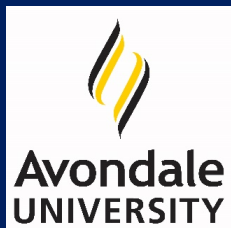
- Epidemiological understanding
- Baseline oral care look like and how can we improve oral care?
- Baseline patient movement

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