Cost of treating a **single episode of pneumonia** in a hospital, including intravenous antibiotics, a stay in ICU, with or without respiratory support averages **$19,000**.

**“Mouth care TID with Sage suction products.” -RSLP**

**Cost and Time of completing thorough mouth care:**

* **~ 5 minutes** to complete thorough mouth care on a relatively clean mouth
  + TID = **15 minutes** over the course of 24 hours
* Sage suction toothbrush package (orange) = **$2.27 each**
* Sage suction swab package (turquoise) = **$1.67 each**
  + Mouth care TID = **$5.01- $6.81 +/- $3.34**



* Bite blocks = $1.66 each
  + One bite block could be used throughout a single day then toss at shift change = **$1.66**

Total cost of mouth care TID = $ 11.81