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**Oral Care and HAP**

—The oral care-pneumonia connection—

* **Non-ventilator Hospital Acquired Pneumonia** (NV-HAP) is one of the **most common** Hospital Acquired Infections, more common than Central-line associated bloodstream infections or catheter-associated urinary tract infections.
* NV-HAP occurs on **every type of unit** including maternity, pediatrics, and low-risk surgery units
* NV-HAP patients are at greater risk for **readmission** within 30 days than patients without HAIs

**Oral care** is not just to aid in patient comfort, it is a **crucial tool** and link in the **prevention** of **Hospital Acquired Pneumonia** for all patients.