

**Table 15: Clinical evidence profile: oral hygiene intervention (four times a day or more) compared to usual care**

Certainty assessment							No of patients		Effect		Certainty	Importance
No of studies	Study design	Risk of bias	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other considerations	oral hygiene intervention (four times a day or more)	usual care	Relative (95% CI)	Absolute (95% CI)		
<b>Mortality at ≤3 months (follow-up: 3 weeks)</b>												
1	randomised trials	not serious	not serious	not serious	very serious <sup>a</sup>	none	9/103 (8.7%)	11/100 (11.0%)	<b>RR 0.79</b> (0.34 to 1.83)	<b>23 fewer per 1,000</b> (from 73 fewer to 91 more)	⊕⊕○○ Low	CRITICAL
<b>Occurrence of pneumonia at ≤3 months (follow-up: 3 weeks)</b>												
1	randomised trials	not serious	not serious	not serious	serious <sup>a</sup>	none	1/103 (1.0%)	7/100 (7.0%)	<b>RR 0.14</b> (0.02 to 1.11)	<b>60 fewer per 1,000</b> (from 69 fewer to 8 more)	⊕⊕⊕○ Moderate	CRITICAL

CI: confidence interval; RR: risk ratio

### Explanations

a. Downgraded by 1 increment if the confidence interval crossed one MID or by 2 increments if the confidence interval crossed both MIDs