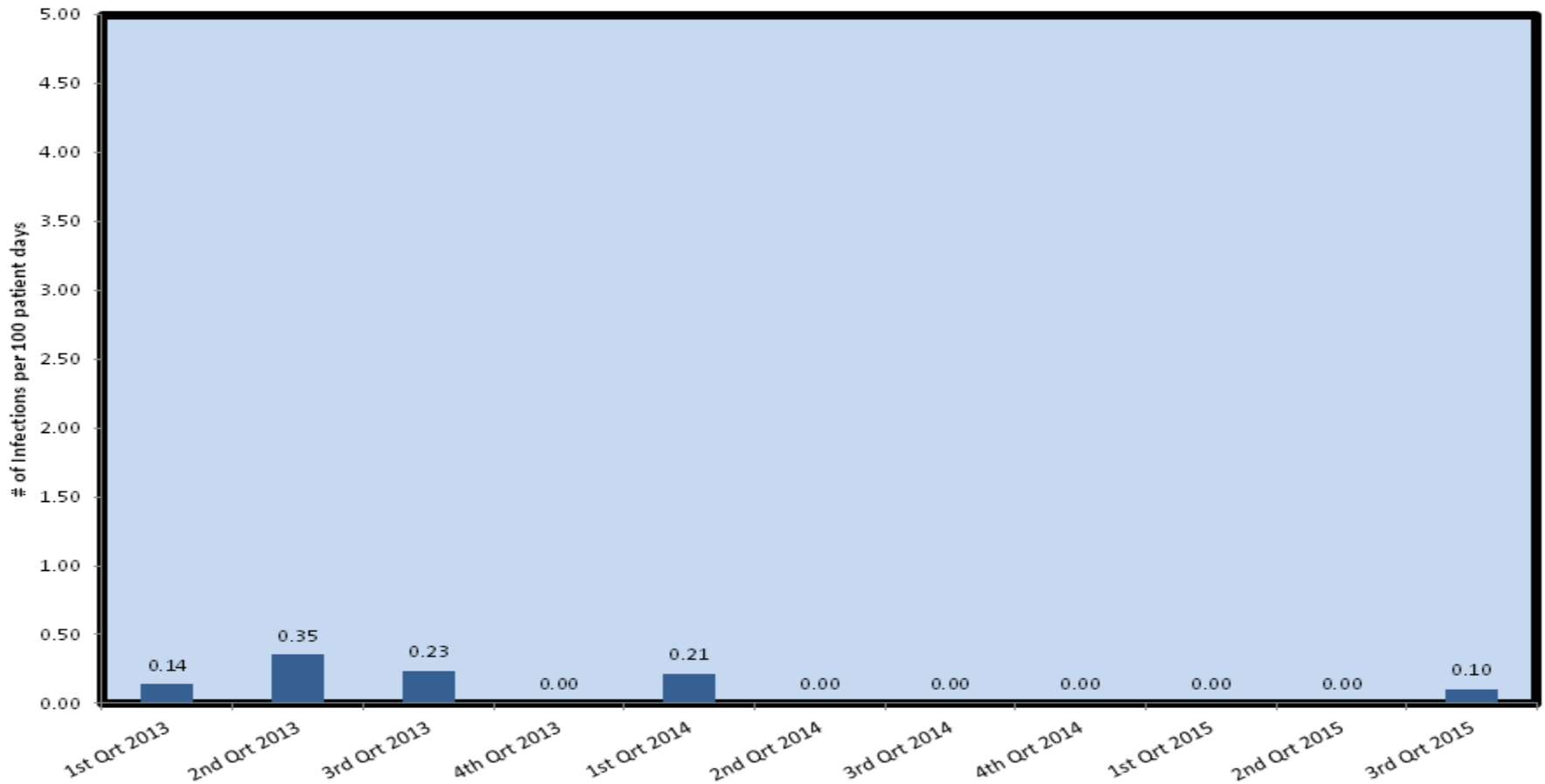


Catheter Associated Infections: NICU

lower is better



A central line catheter is a small plastic tube inserted into a large blood vessel. The catheter is used to inject fluids and medications, and to draw blood. When bacteria enter the blood stream through the catheter, the result is a central line infection (which can lead to a blood stream infection) and an ill child.