



**Ministry Of Health**  
**General Administration of Pharmacy**



**MONTHLY  
REPORT**

**Feb. 2020**

**Shortages of Drugs and Medical Disposables in MOH**

**Summary**

- **Zero Stock Items:** 202 items (%39) out of the essential medications were reported at zero stock levels in the Central Drug Store (CDS), 264 items (31%) out of the medical disposables in the essential list, were reported at zero stock levels in the Central Medical Disposable Store (CMS).
- **Essential Services:** A clear shortage in medications of Primary healthcare and Maternity & pediatric services, as well as medical disposable for Open Heart and catheterization and Ophthalmic services
- **Cost:** The total cost for shortage in medications was 1.31 million \$, which represent 48% of their monthly cost needed, and about 166 thousand \$ for medical disposables which represent %27 of their monthly cost needed.

**Current Drugs situation**

In the Central Drug Store (CDS), while the shortage of essential drugs has been a chronic problem, at the end of February 2020 drug items out of 516 essential drug lists reach zero stock level, that elevate the percentage of shortage in medications to 39% in addition to another 74 items at low stock which means sufficient for less than 3 months consumption. The protracted period of low stocks is now considered critical for the continued delivery of health care services, and especially at this month in Primary healthcare and Maternity & pediatric services, as shortages in these services are 57%, 55% respectively (table 1, figure 1).

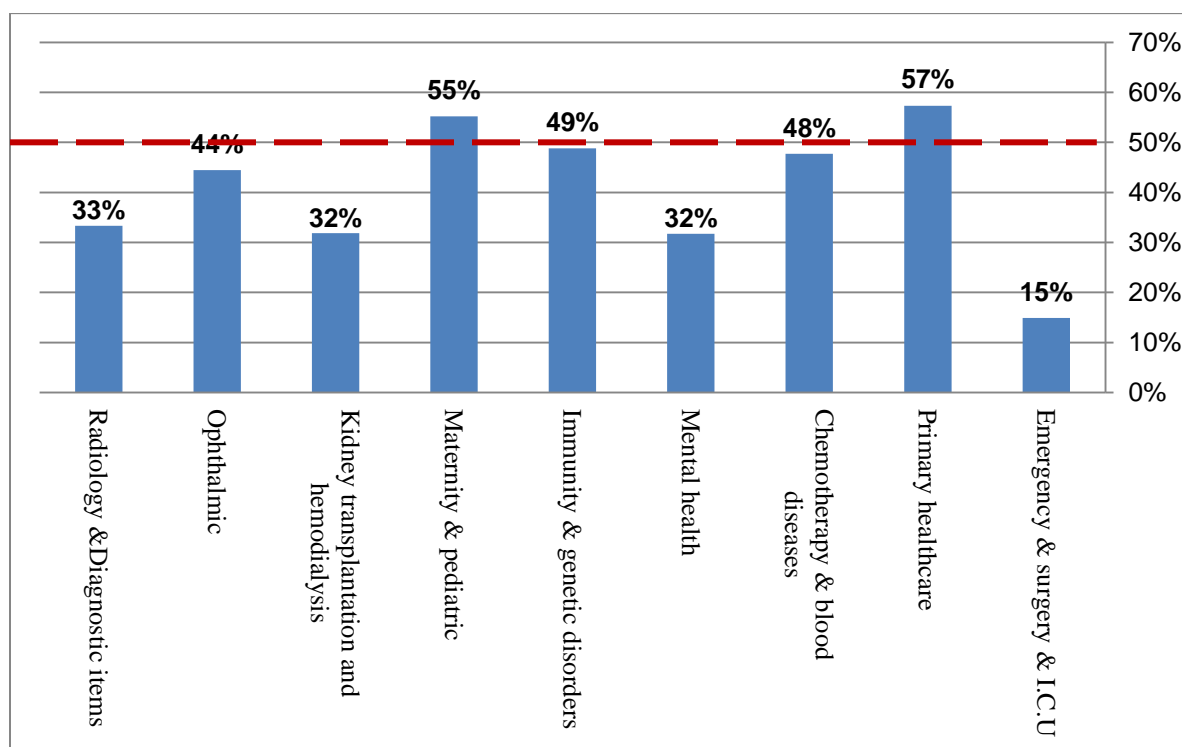
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**Table 1:** The total number and monthly cost (\$)of essential drug list (EDL) distributed by the basic services provided by the Ministry of Health, as well as the number of shortage items, and their monthly cost.

SERVICE	No. of items in EDL			Cost monthly (\$)		
	Total	zero stock items	1-3 months stock items	EDL items	Shortage items	1-3 months stock items
Emergency & surgery & I.C.U	148	22	14	716467	84794	51351
Primary healthcare	143	82	21	461608	331138	36012
Chemotherapy & blood diseases	65	31	9	631142	452686	89131
Mental health	41	13	12	72127	21319	26719
Immunity & genetic disorders	41	20	7	480174	234518	12803
Maternity & pediatric	29	16	4	159721	103519	19932
Kidney transplantation and hemodialysis	22	7	3	169838	58801	18284
Ophthalmic	18	8	3	28618	20040	5058
Radiology & Diagnostic items	9	3	1	32292	6035	946
<b>Total</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>2,751,988</b>	<b>1,312,849</b>	<b>260,235</b>



**Figure 1:** The Percentage of shortage in the items of essential drug list for each service.

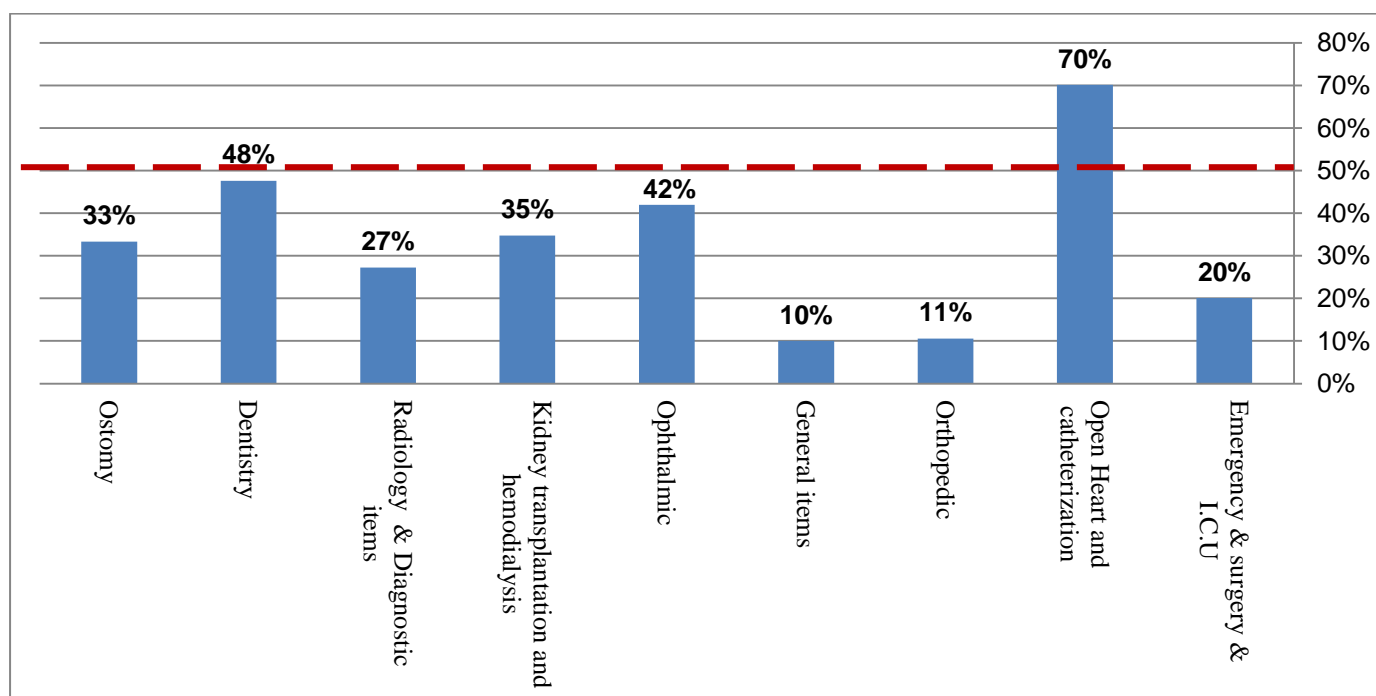
### Current medical disposable situation

In the Central Medical Disposable Store (CMS), out of the 853 essential medical disposable items, 264 were reported at zero stock level, that made the overall percentage of items shortage in medical disposables 31%, in addition to another 42 items at low stock sufficient for less than 3 months consumption. The most affected

services of shortage were Open Heart and catheterization and Ophthalmic services, and the percentages of shortage in their items were 70%, and 42% respectively (table 2, figure 2).

**Table 2:** The total number and monthly cost (\$) to the items of essential medical disposable list (EMDL) distributed by the basic services provided by the MoH, as well as the number of shortage items, and their monthly cost.

SERVICE	No. of items in EMDL			Cost monthly (\$)		
	Total	zero stock items	1-3 months stock items	EDL items	Zero stock items	1-3 months stock Items
Emergency & surgery & I.C.U	309	62	11	108933	16596	5201
Open Heart and catheterization	194	136	19	194873	141610	29485
Orthopedic	151	16	2	8482	992	204
General items	90	9	5	112834	267	8638
Ophthalmic	31	13	1	16233	1405	15
Kidney transplantation and hemodialysis	23	8	1	117517	696	446
Radiology & Diagnostic items	22	6	1	40354	1553	6253
Dentistry	21	10	2	4110	2121	117
Ostomy	12	4	0	20689	895	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>624,024</b>	<b>166,135</b>	<b>50,359</b>



**Figure 2:** The Percentage of shortage in the items of the essential medical disposable list for each service