



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



**MONTHLY  
REPORT**

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

**Summary**

- **Zero Stock Items:** 225 items (%44) out of the essential medications were reported at zero stock levels in the Central Drug Store (CDS), 265 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 Emergency & surgery & I.C.U services , as well as medical disposable for Open Heart and catheterization and General items required to all services.
- **Cost:** The total cost for shortage in medications was 1.36 million \$, which represent 49% of their monthly cost needed, and about 180 thousand \$ for medical disposables which represent 29% 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 March 225 drug items out of 516 essential drug lists reach zero stock level, that elevate the percentage of shortage in medications to 44% in addition to another 64 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 Emergency & surgery & I.C.U services, as shortages in these services are 66%, 18% respectively (table 1, figure 1).

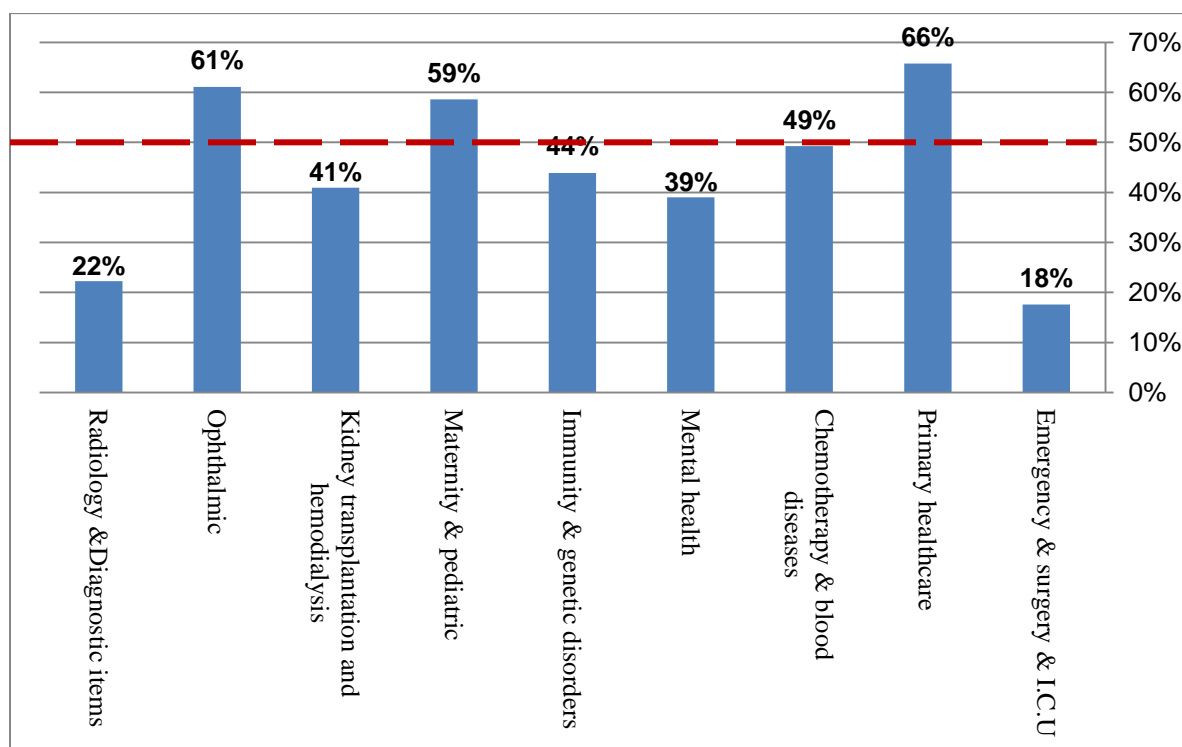
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**Table 1:** The total number and monthly cost (\$)of essential drug list (EDL) distributed by the basic services provided by the Ministry of Health, as well as the number of shortage items, and their monthly cost.

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	26	15	716467	95077	51924
Primary healthcare	143	94	18	461608	343021	41638
Chemotherapy & blood diseases	65	32	7	631142	452238	88163
Mental health	41	16	7	72127	23311	11605
Immunity & genetic disorders	41	18	7	480174	229450	14066
Maternity & pediatric	29	17	2	159721	114497	3850
Kidney transplantation and hemodialysis	22	9	6	169838	70649	45954
Ophthalmic	18	11	2	28618	25098	936
Radiology & Diagnostic items	9	2	0	32292	4775	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>2,751,988</b>	<b>1,358,116</b>	<b>258,137</b>



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

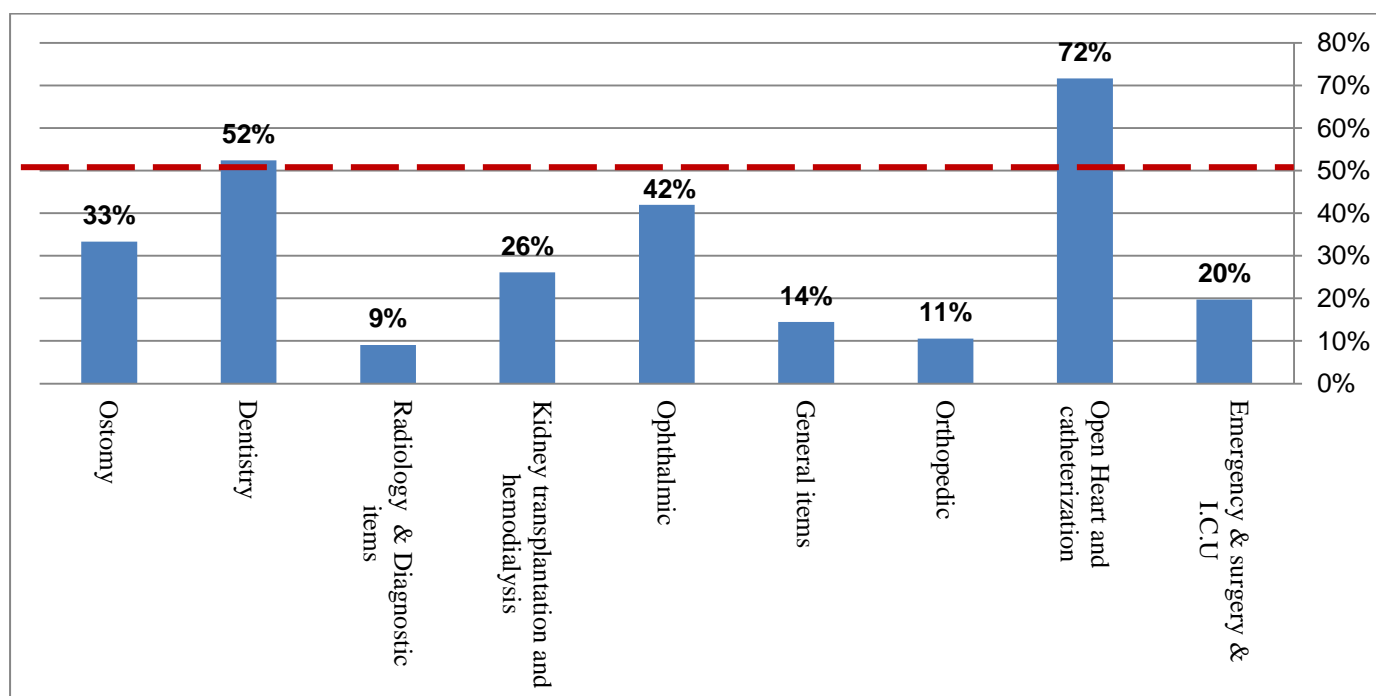
### Current medical disposable situation

In the Central Medical Disposable Store (CMS), out of the 853 essential medical disposable items, 265 were reported at zero stock level, that made the overall percentage of items shortage in medical disposables 31%, in addition to another 47 items at low stock sufficient for less than 3 months consumption. The most affected

services of shortage were Open Heart and catheterization and General items required to all services, and the percentages of shortage in their items were 72%, and 14% 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	61	15	108933	17870	4164
Open Heart and catheterization	194	139	20	194873	145720	25675
Orthopedic	151	16	4	8482	992	756
General items	90	13	2	112834	9403	993
Ophthalmic	31	13	1	16233	1405	15
Kidney transplantation and hemodialysis	23	6	1	117517	436	446
Radiology & Diagnostic items	22	2	2	40354	1102	6411
Dentistry	21	11	2	4110	2174	1268
Ostomy	12	4	0	20689	895	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>624,024</b>	<b>179,996</b>	<b>39,730</b>



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