



**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:** 226 items (%44) out of the essential medications were reported at zero stock levels in the Central Drug Store (CDS), 252 items (30%) 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 Chemotherapy & blood diseases and Immunity & genetic disorders services, as well as medical disposable for Emergency & surgery & I.C.U and General items required to all services.
- **Cost:** The total cost for shortage in medications was 1.34 million \$, which represent 49% of their monthly cost needed, and about 162 thousand \$ for medical disposables which represent 26% 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 April 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 Chemotherapy & blood diseases and Immunity & genetic disorders services, as shortages in these services are 54%, 51% respectively (table 1, figure 1).

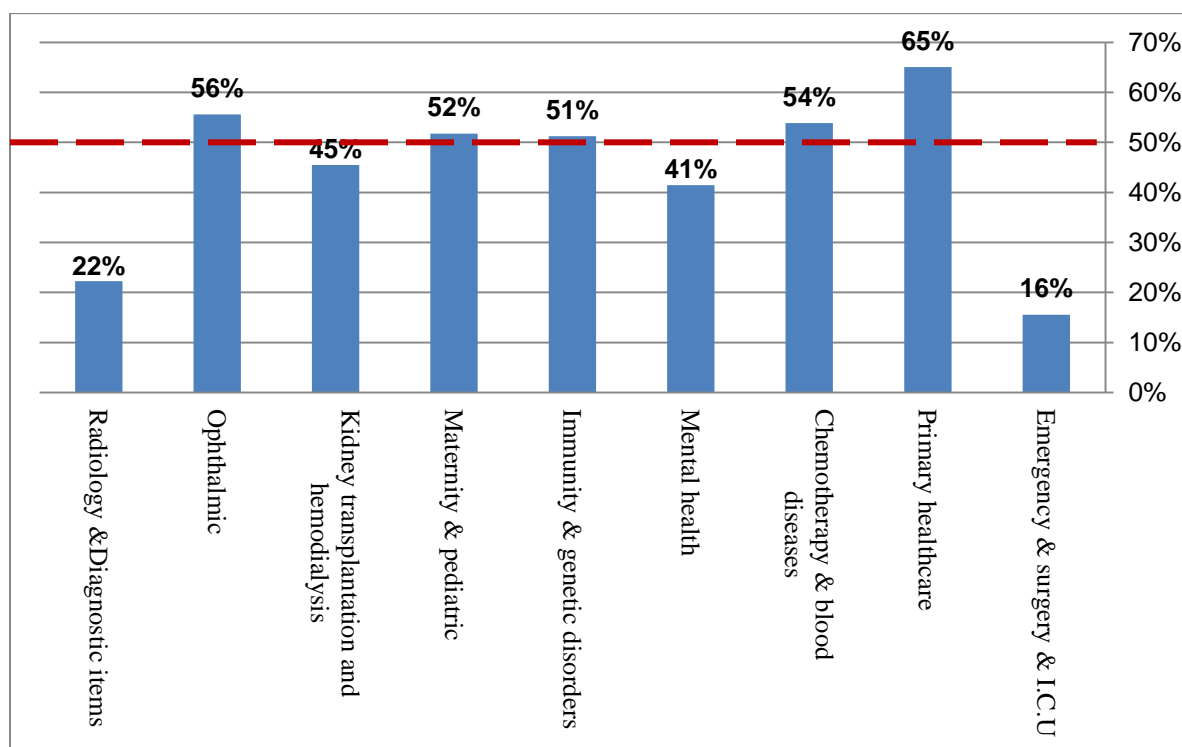
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**Table 1:** The total number and monthly cost (\$)of essential drug list (EDL) distributed by the basic services provided by the Ministry of Health, as well as the number of shortage items, and their monthly cost.

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	23	16	716467	74055	55219
Primary healthcare	143	93	16	461608	337213	34177
Chemotherapy & blood diseases	65	35	14	631142	492714	71160
Mental health	41	17	4	72127	15038	14430
Immunity & genetic disorders	41	21	5	480174	232269	2199
Maternity & pediatric	29	15	1	159721	100595	5104
Kidney transplantation and hemodialysis	22	10	3	169838	66608	26689
Ophthalmic	18	10	3	28618	20616	4820
Radiology & Diagnostic items	9	2	0	32292	4775	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>2,751,988</b>	<b>1,343,883</b>	<b>213,798</b>



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

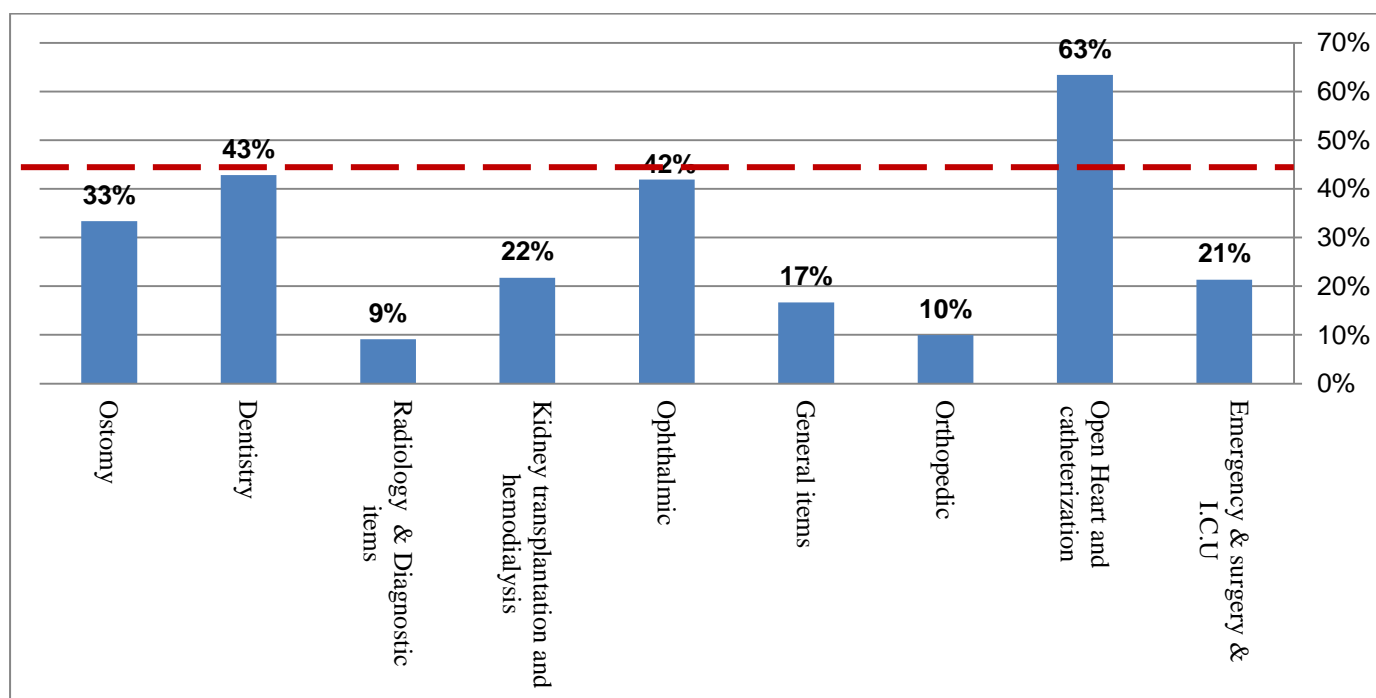
### Current medical disposable situation

In the Central Medical Disposable Store (CMS), out of the 853 essential medical disposable items, 252 were reported at zero stock level, that made the overall percentage of items shortage in medical disposables 30%, in addition to another 53 items at low stock sufficient for less than 3 months consumption. The most affected

services of shortage were Emergency & surgery & I.C.U and General items required to all services, and the percentages of shortage in their items were 21%, and 17% 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	66	19	108933	17592	8375
Open Heart and catheterization	194	123	18	194873	127781	28063
Orthopedic	151	15	4	8482	971	756
General items	90	15	3	112834	9621	380
Ophthalmic	31	13	2	16233	1405	46
Kidney transplantation and hemodialysis	23	5	2	117517	307	576
Radiology & Diagnostic items	22	2	2	40354	2240	8068
Dentistry	21	9	3	4110	2079	1352
Ostomy	12	4	0	20689	895	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>624,024</b>	<b>162,891</b>	<b>47,616</b>



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