



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

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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).

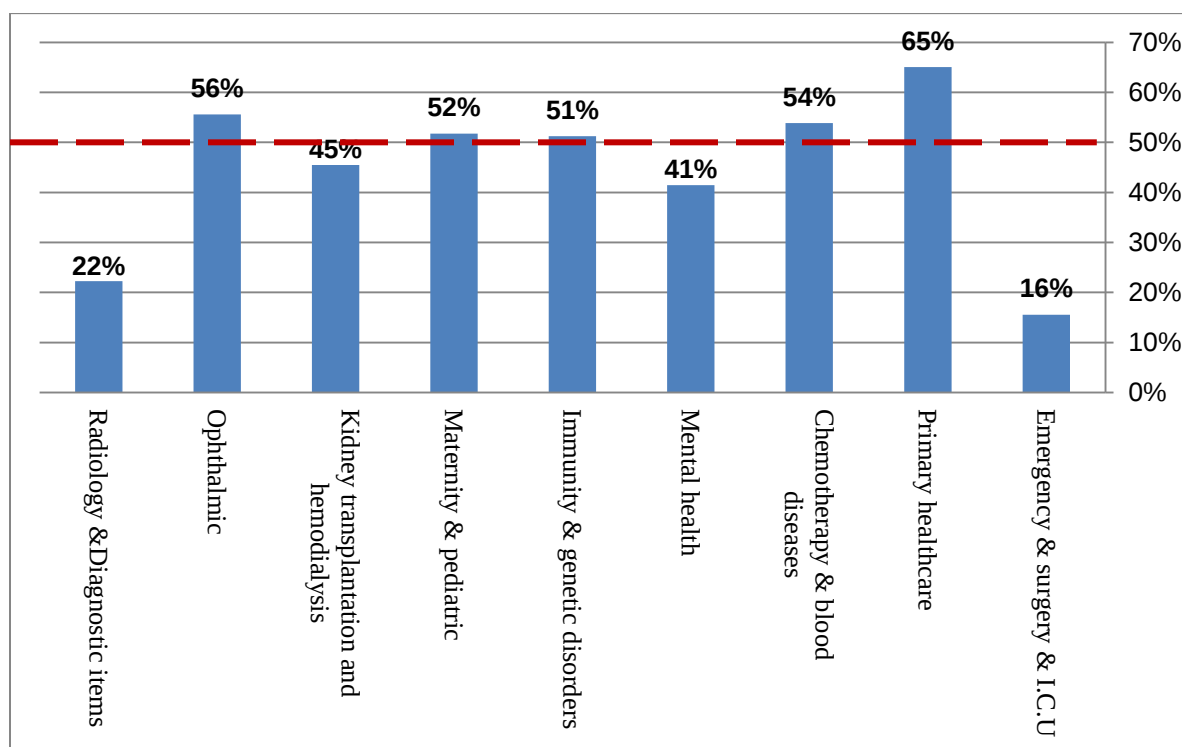
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**Table 1:** The total number and monthly cost (\$)of essential drug list (EDL) distributed by the basic services provided by the Ministry of Health, as well as the number of shortage items, and their monthly cost.

| 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.

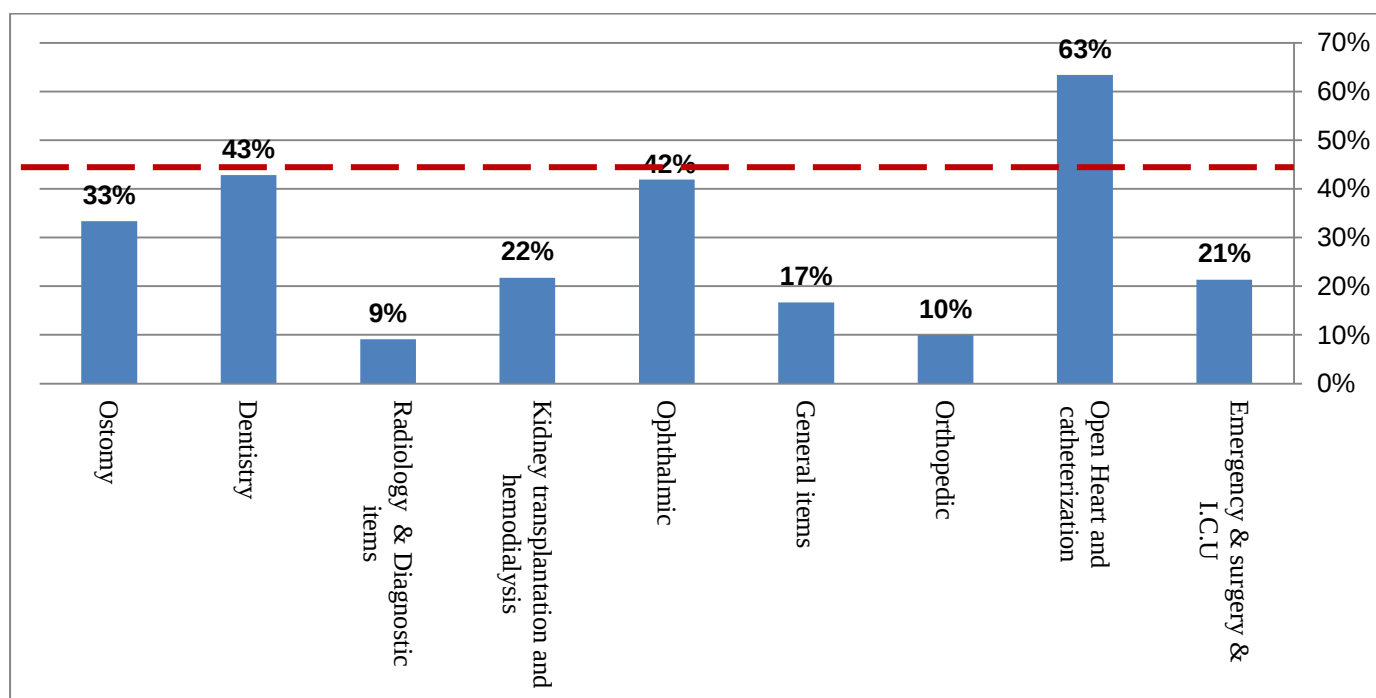
### Current medical disposable situation

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