



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:** 224 items (43%) out of the essential medications were reported at zero stock levels in the Central Drug Store (CDS), 251 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 Primary healthcare services , as well as medical disposable for Open Heart and catheterization and Kidney transplantation and hemodialysis.
- **Cost:** The total cost for shortage in medications was 1.36 million \$, which represent 49% of their monthly cost needed, and about 152 thousand \$ for medical disposables which represent 24% 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 May 224 drug items out of 516 essential drug lists reach zero stock level, that elevate the percentage of shortage in medications to 43% in addition to another 66 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 Primary healthcare services, as shortages in these services are 57%, 66% 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	19	20	716467	66703	64224
Primary healthcare	143	94	14	461608	327358	49532
Chemotherapy & blood diseases	65	37	14	631142	509165	60809
Mental health	41	18	5	72127	18638	15300
Immunity & genetic disorders	41	19	7	480174	230898	13714
Maternity & pediatric	29	15	1	159721	100595	5104
Kidney transplantation and hemodialysis	22	11	1	169838	81673	12128
Ophthalmic	18	9	4	28618	19086	6350
Radiology & Diagnostic items	9	2	0	32292	4775	0
Total	516	224	66	2,751,988	1,358,890	227,162

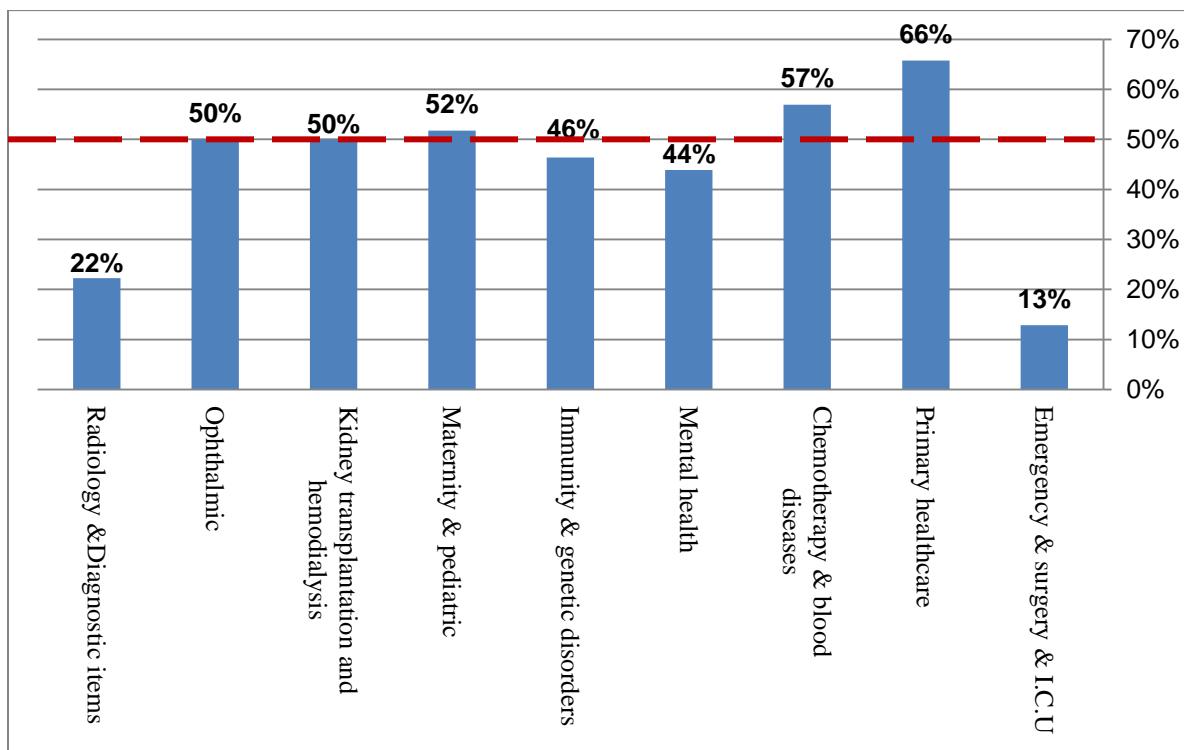


Figure 1: The Percentage of shortage in the items of essential drug list for each service.

Current medical disposable situation

In the Central Medical Disposable Store (CMS), out of the 853 essential medical disposables items, 251 were reported at zero stock level, that made the overall percentage of items shortage in medical disposables 30%, in addition to another 52 items at low stock sufficient for less than 3 months consumption. The most affected

services of shortage were Open Heart and catheterization and Kidney transplantation and hemodialysis, and the percentages of shortage in their items were 64%, and 22% 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	18	108933	15960	5927
Open Heart and catheterization	194	125	17	194873	128067	23570
Orthopedic	151	15	4	8482	971	756
General items	90	12	4	112834	1416	444
Ophthalmic	31	13	2	16233	1405	46
Kidney transplantation and hemodialysis	23	5	2	117517	307	576
Radiology & Diagnostic items	22	2	2	40354	1102	6411
Dentistry	21	9	3	4110	2079	1352
Ostomy	12	4	0	20689	895	0
Total	853	251	52	624,024	152,202	39,081

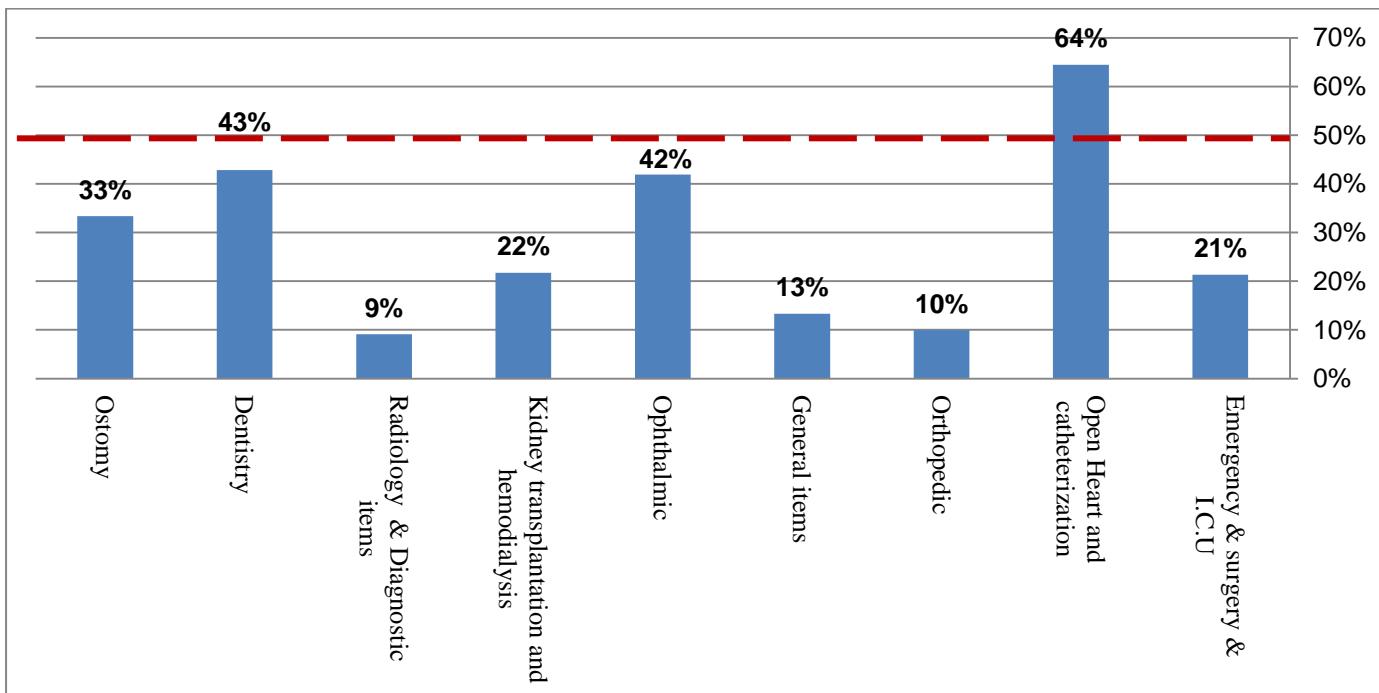


Figure 2: The Percentage of shortage in the items of the essential medical disposable list for each service