



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:** 256 items (%50) out of the essential medications were reported at zero stock levels in the Central Drug Store (CDS), 285 items (33%) 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 Emergency & surgery & I.C.U and Chemotherapy & blood diseases services, as well as medical disposable for Open Heart and catheterization and Ostomy
- **Cost:** The total cost for shortage in medications was 1.2 million \$, which represent 42% of their monthly cost needed, and about 199 thousand \$ for medical disposables which represent 32% 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, 256 drug items out of 516 essential drug lists reach zero stock level, that elevate the percentage of shortage in medications to 50% 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 Emergency & surgery & I.C.U and Chemotherapy & blood diseases services, as shortages in these services are 32%, 53% 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	47	25	716467	229804	98480
Primary healthcare	143	95	14	461608	324017	43551
Chemotherapy & blood diseases	65	34	12	631142	389903	109418
Mental health	41	22	4	72127	30220	10103
Immunity & genetic disorders	41	21	8	480174	84100	105479
Maternity & pediatric	29	17	4	159721	94545	33799
Kidney transplantation and hemodialysis	22	8	4	169838	16648	193009
Ophthalmic	18	12	3	28618	20876	7081
Radiology & Diagnostic items	9	0	0	32292	0	0
Total	516	256	74	2,751,988	1,190,112	600,920

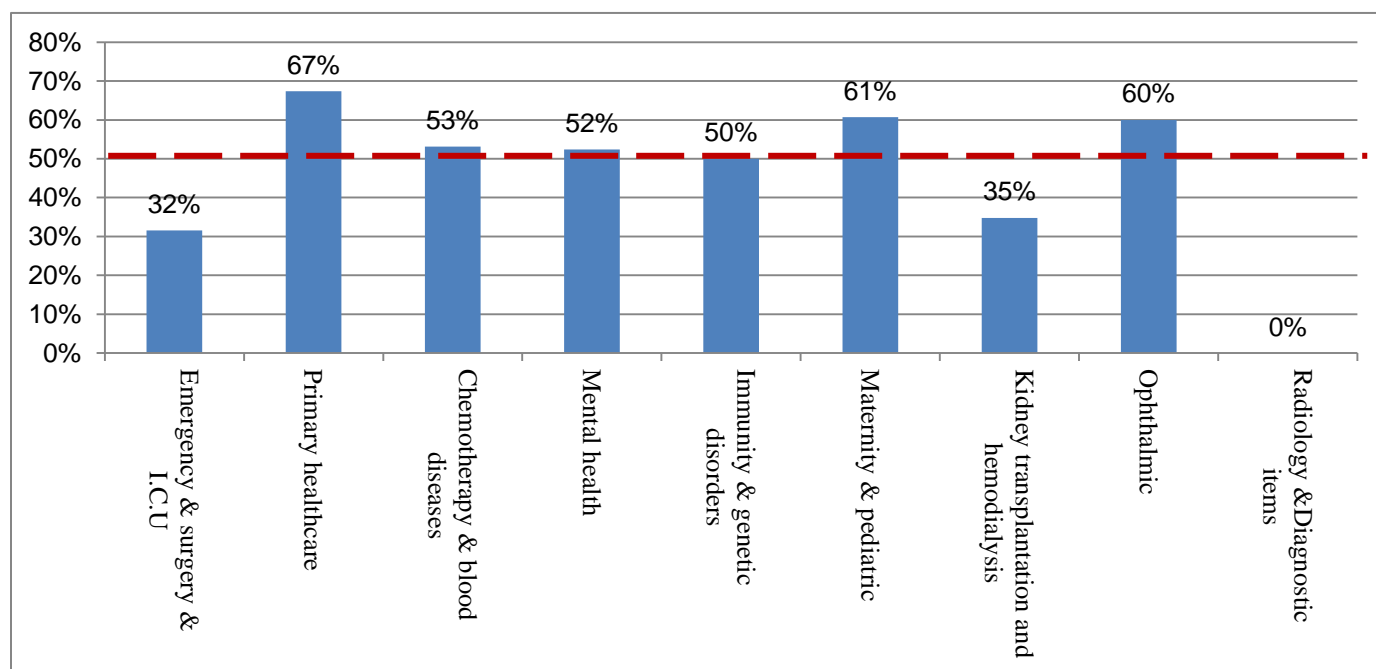


Figure 1: The Percentage of shortage in the items of essential drug list for each service.

Current medical disposable situation

In the Central Medical Disposable Store (CMS), out of the 853 essential medical disposable items, 285 were reported at zero stock level, that made the overall percentage of items shortage in medical disposables 33%, in addition to another 60 items at low stock sufficient for less than 3 months consumption. The most affected services of shortage were Open Heart and catheterization and Ostomy services, the percentages of shortage in their items were 66%, and 50% 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	73	20	108933	21540	7596
Open Heart and catheterization	194	129	15	194873	149037	18832
Orthopedic	151	24	13	8482	2063	1055
General items	90	11	4	112834	1125	2641
Ophthalmic	31	14	2	16233	1533	13433
Kidney transplantation and hemodialysis	23	11	0	117517	6558	0
Radiology & Diagnostic items	22	4	2	40354	7513	11453
Dentistry	21	13	3	4110	3447	328
Ostomy	12	6	1	20689	5894	4663
Total	853	285	60	624,024	198,710	60,000

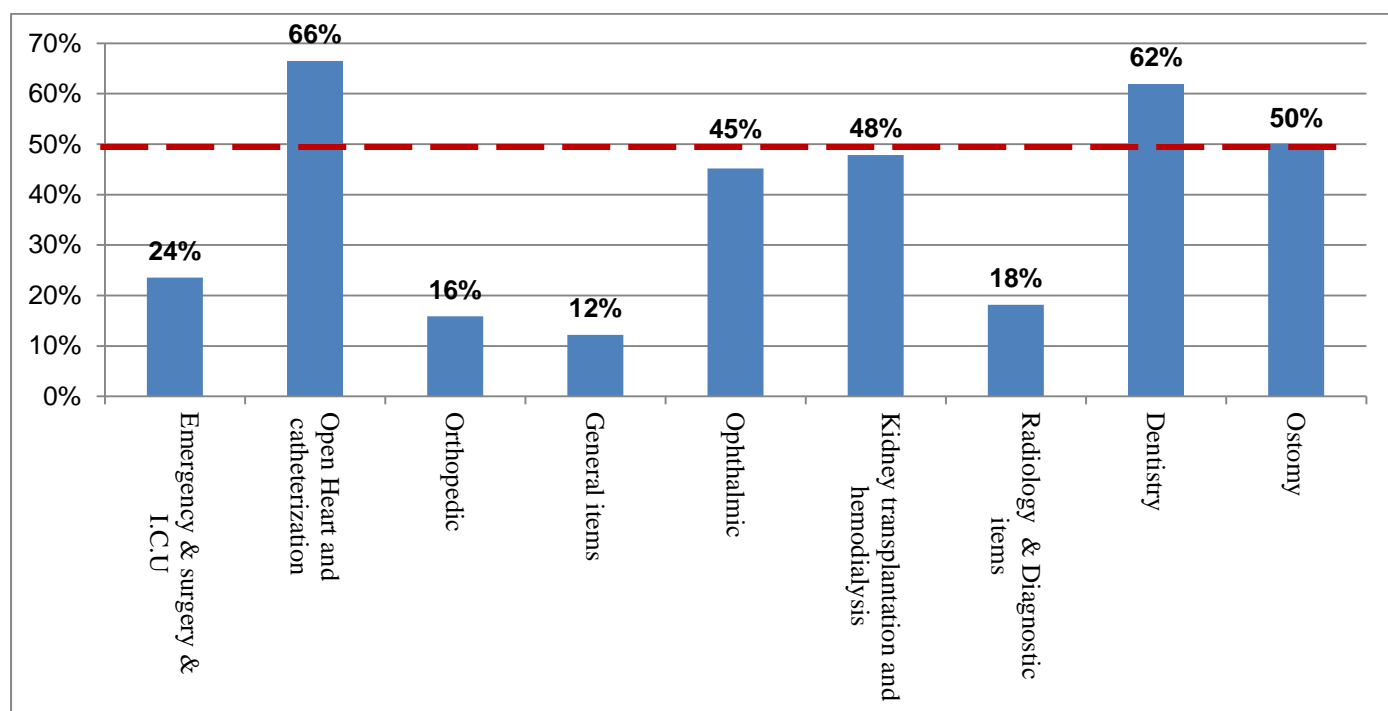


Figure 2: The Percentage of shortage in the items of the essential medical disposable list for each service