



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:** 246 items (%48) out of the essential medications were reported at zero stock levels in the Central Drug Store (CDS), 235 items (28%) 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 Ophthalmic and Primary healthcare services , as well as medical disposable for open heart & catheterization and Ophthalmic services
- **Cost:** The total cost for shortage in medications was 1.49 million \$, which represent 54% of their monthly cost needed, and about 149.6 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 September 246 drug items out of 516 essential drug lists reach zero stock level, that elevate the percentage of shortage in medications to 48% in addition to another 46 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 Ophthalmic and Primary healthcare services, as shortages in these services are 72%, 64% 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	38	14	716467	119301	71402
Primary healthcare	143	92	9	461608	319869	31547
Chemotherapy & blood diseases	65	36	7	631142	491418	68256
Mental health	41	14	7	72127	14531	13234
Immunity & genetic disorders	41	23	2	480174	394982	319
Maternity & pediatric	29	16	3	159721	90989	15611
Kidney transplantation and hemodialysis	22	11	3	169838	28057	91080
Ophthalmic	18	13	1	28618	22550	380
Radiology & Diagnostic items	9	3	0	32292	5721	0
Total	516	246	46	2,751,988	1,487,417	291,828

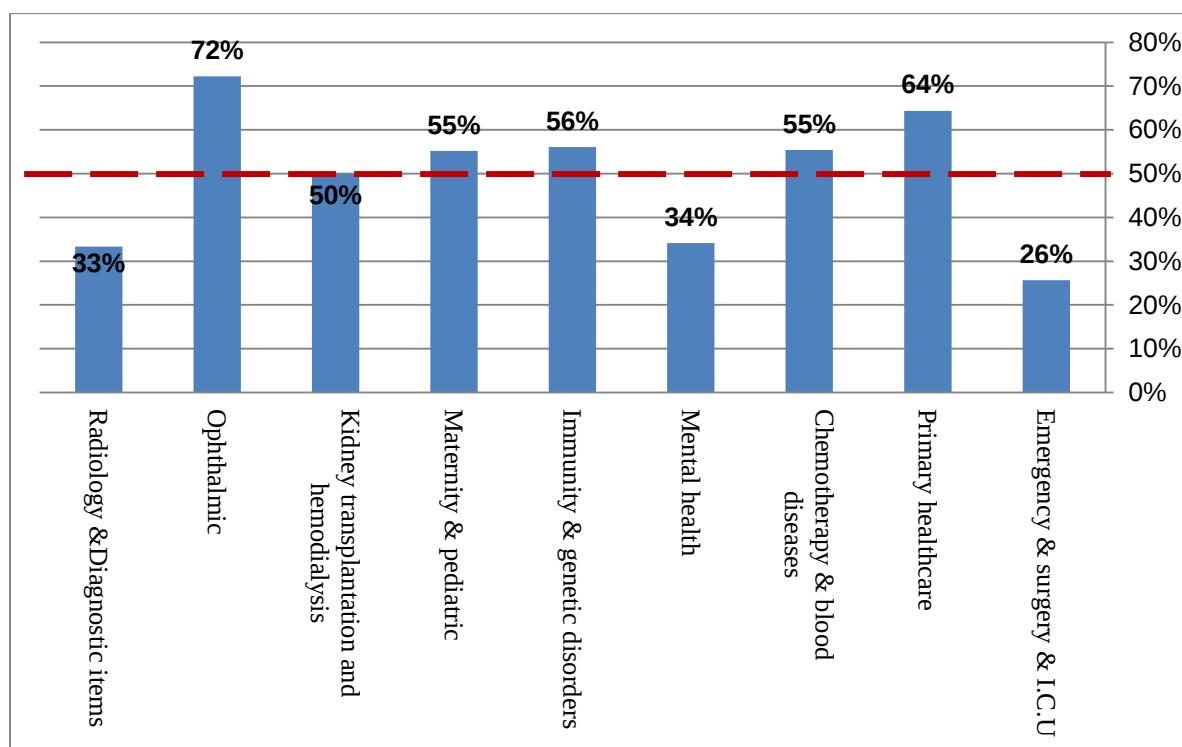


Figure 1: The Percentage of shortage in the items of essential drug list for each service.

Current medical disposable situation

In the Central Medical Disposable Store (CMS), out of the 853 essential medical disposable items, 235 were reported at zero stock level, that made the overall percentage of items shortage in medical disposables 28%, in addition to another 51 items at low stock sufficient for less than 3 months consumption. The most affected

services of shortage were open heart and catheterization and Ophthalmic services , and the percentages of shortage in their items were 59%, and 42% 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	62	10	108933	15697	2296
Open Heart and catheterization	194	115	24	194873	127479	34480
Orthopedic	151	15	1	8482	968	24
General items	90	8	5	112834	540	4933
Ophthalmic	31	13	1	16233	1417	15
Kidney transplantation and hemodialysis	23	6	6	117517	494	83426
Radiology & Diagnostic items	22	5	2	40354	1395	6411
Dentistry	21	7	2	4110	718	1521
Ostomy	12	4	0	20689	895	0
Total	853	235	51	624,024	149602	133105

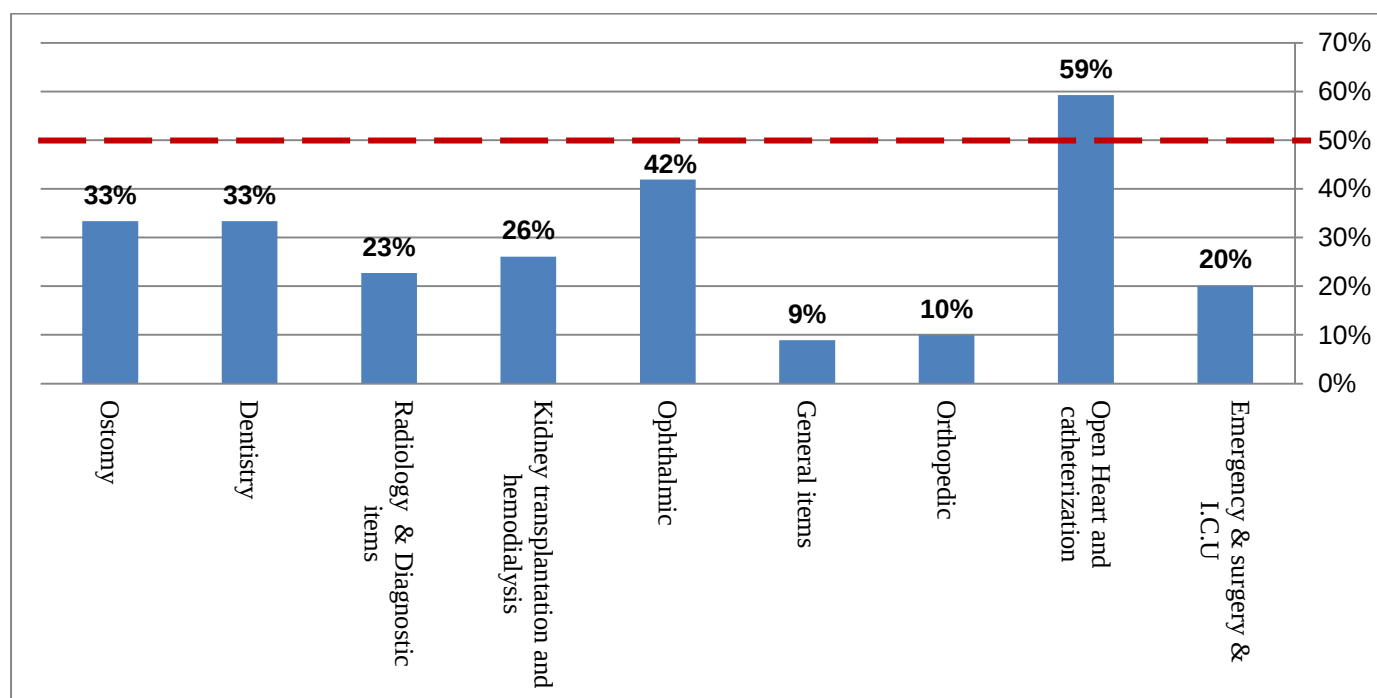


Figure 2: The Percentage of shortage in the items of the essential medical disposable list for each service