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## DEVELOPING THE FIRST PHARMACIES IN VOJVODINA - "PHARMACY ON THE STAIRS" VRSAC

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A retrospective image of one of the oldest pharmacies "At the Savior" in the town of Vrsac will be presented with an outline of health culture in Vojvodina from 18<sup>th</sup> till now. It is one of the most representative pharmacies founded and owned in February 16, 1784 by Palevan. It operated according to the Austrian Law and became a public pharmacy in 1949. Following the architectonic structure it belongs to a typical baroque construction. An interesting artistic detail are the stairs leaning against the western facade. The pharmacy kept operating uninterruptedly since its foundation up to 1971, when it turned into museum. A collection of rare objects is currently exhibited: stands, bottles, flasks, vessels, pottery, laboratory and other accessories, apothecary books, pharmaceutical literature, prescriptions, archival holdings and documents; all of them being related to the practice of hospitals, physicians, veterinarians. Special place of the Museum represents a library owned by Stefan Geršić, a local physician. Apart from these displays regarding pharmacy, the Museum is housing a small collection of medical instruments from Roman period since 2nd and 3rd A.D.

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