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PHARMACY-FOUNDATIONS IN KOSZEG (HUNGARY)

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The town of Koszeg was mentioned as 'Castrum Kwszug' in old certificates from the year 1248, and from the year 1328 it was considered to be 'royal town'. The exact date referring to the foundation of the first pharmacy is unknown; there are some facts proving that it had happened earlier than 1645. From the year 1716 to 1950 it was owned by a burgher family, the Küttels. The second pharmacy was opened by the Jesuits in 1743; and they owned up to 1773. From that time its ownership became bourgeois. In 1950 all the pharmacies were 'nationalized' in Hungary, which meant that the new owner for them became the State. Both of the old pharmacies in Koszeg were in 'function' till 1983; and then a new, modern state pharmacy has been opened. After the political changes in 1990; new area has been started: the state pharmacy was privatized; and a new private pharmacy was founded in 1993. Two pharmacies served again the needs of the patients, providing them with 'pharma services' at high quality level. As nowadays it is considered that the pharmacy-market has been liberalised in Hungary; a new, 3rd pharmacy has opened its door, and it is rumoured that the next, 4th one will be founded soon. The situation seems to be changed: as an external, constrained process forces the pharmacies.