

## Summary

**Background:** The history and development of the pharmacy in the Beroun District from its beginning to the present times.

**Aim:** The overview of the pharmacies and the destinies of the pharmacists in the Beroun District from their beginning up to the present with the emphasis on the period after 1948.

**Methods:** Processing the historical documents from The Czech Pharmaceutical Museum in Kuks, The State District Archive in Beroun, the interviews with the district citizens and other sources.

**Results:** It is assumed that the first pharmacy was founded in Beroun, the biggest town in the district, in 1765. Then, there was the pharmacy set up in 1800 in Hořovice that was the second largest town in the district at that time.

Despite the rapid industrial development in this region in 19<sup>th</sup> century thanks to rich mineral resources, which also had an impact on the rise of the population, the further pharmacies were founded as late as in the first decade of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Following pharmacies were established during The First Republic after the post-war economic crisis was over.

In 1948 there were eight pharmacies in the Beroun District. Surprisingly, within more than forty years long communistic period the number of the pharmacies was not changed at all.

The rise of the pharmacy began after the fall of the undemocratic regime. Nowadays there are seventeen pharmacies in the Beroun District.

**Conclusion:** It is interesting that at present it is much easier to obtain the information regarding the pharmacists from the 19<sup>th</sup> or the early 20<sup>th</sup> century than the ones from the recent times, the totalitarian regime.