

# ABSTRACT

**Title:** Online drugs buying

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**BACKGROUNDS:** Aim of the thesis is to realise a questionnaire research among inhabitants of Kolín and monitor their knowledge about the possibility of purchasing drugs via the Internet and usage of this option by Kolín inhabitants. In addition to this, the work summarises the basic advantages and disadvantages of this type of purchase and risks connected with it. Finally, it mentions some rules of safe drugs purchase online.

**METHODS:** First of all, searching for and processing the information available on the Internet dealing with the possibility of drugs purchase online. Secondly, questioning people about this type of purchase. All participants were older than 18 years.

**RESULTS:** 125 respondents participate in the research. 78 % of them know about the possibility of drugs purchase on-line, however, only 42 % have ever used this kind of drugs purchase. The most important advantages of the Internet purchase considered by respondents are a low price, comfortable purchase from home, quickness and a wide variety of products. The most frequently mentioned disadvantages are a high risk of fakes, absence of pharmacist's control and a long delivery time.

**CONCLUSIONS:** The knowledge of the possibility of purchasing drugs online is quite widespread among Kolín inhabitants. However, this kind of drugs purchase is not used very frequently by them.

**Key words:** mail order service, the Internet, fakes, on-line purchase, safe purchase