

## **Overview of the activities of Estonian pharmacies in 2011**

The State Agency of Medicines compiles data of the activities of the pharmacies based on the quarterly reports of all the pharmacies in Estonia. Based on the type of their operation pharmacies may be divided into three categories: general pharmacies, hospital pharmacies and veterinary pharmacies.

At the beginning of 2012 there were 469 general pharmacies (including 168 structural units), 24 hospital pharmacies (including 1 structural unit) and 5 veterinary pharmacies in Estonia. 35% of the general pharmacies were situated in bigger cities – Tallinn and Tartu. Six out of the 24 hospital pharmacies were situated in Tallinn, 3 in Harju County, 2 in Eastern Viru County and 1 in Tartu County. Each of the other counties had only 1 hospital pharmacy, with the exception of Valga and Võru Counties which had no hospital pharmacies.

The total turnover of all the active pharmacies and their structural units in 2011 was 313 million EUR, of that, the turnover of general pharmacies constituted approximately 241 million EUR (77%), the turnover of hospital pharmacies was 72 million EUR (23%) and the veterinary pharmacies had the smallest share in the total turnover – 0,9 million EUR which was less than 1% out of the total turnover. Compared to the results of the year 2010 the turnover of the general pharmacies increased 2,5%, the turnover of the hospital pharmacies increased 18% and the turnover of veterinary pharmacies decreased 21%.

The average turnover of general pharmacies was 0,80 million EUR and the average turnover of medicinal products of general pharmacies was 0,63 million EUR in 2011. The turnover of hospital pharmacies was very different: the total turnover of hospital pharmacies was mostly under 1 million EUR, only the four biggest hospital pharmacies had the total turnover more than 5 million EUR in 2011. The average turnover of all the hospital pharmacies was 3,1 million EUR in 2011. The average turnover of veterinary pharmacies was 0,15 million EUR in 2011.

The total turnover of pharmacies is made up of the sale of medicinal products and other goods (medical devices, food supplements, herbal products, cosmetics and others). The total turnover of medicinal products of all the active pharmacies was 240 million EUR which was 77% from the total turnover. The turnover of medicinal products was 79% (189 million EUR) of total turnover in general pharmacies, 70% (50 million EUR) of total turnover in hospital pharmacies and 44% (0,4 million EUR) of total turnover in veterinary pharmacies.

The total medicinal products expenditure was 179 EUR per person in 2011. Every inhabitant of Estonia spent an average of 6 EUR per month on medicinal products. During the year each inhabitant's own expenditure on medicines was over 72 EUR which was 40% of the total expenditure of medicinal products.

There was an average 1 general pharmacy (or structural unit) per 2810 inhabitants in 2011 in Estonia.

At the end of 2011 there were 836 registered pharmacists, 618 assistant pharmacists, 9 veterinarians and 416 other employees in all the pharmacies in Estonia.