

The development of the pharmaceutical industry in Russia and Germany in the first half of the twentieth century

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The features of the pharmaceutical industry development in Russia and Germany in the first half of the twentieth century are considered. It is noted that the Russian Empire purchased a significant amount of pharmaceutical products from Germany. Emigrants from the German Empire became the founders of the largest pharmaceutical company in Russia, Ferreina, which was nationalized by the Bolsheviks. Before the First World War, Germany imported and exported medicines, cooperating with Russia. It is shown that the German chemical industry was engaged in the development of chemical warfare agents, having tested them during two world wars.

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