Recounting the history of higher medical education in Transylvania (18th - 21th centuries).
„Iuliu Hâțieganu” University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Cluj (Klausenburg). Library and Museum collections.

The higher medical education in Cluj has a tradition of over two and a half centuries. Our aim is to recount its history through the books, documents, and objects that are part of the heritage of „Iuliu Hâțieganu” University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Cluj-Napoca.

Both the Library and the Museum serve as repositories of the achievements of many generations of physicians, professors and researchers. The exhibition space of the University Museum illustrates the evolution of medical education beginning with the decree of Empress Maria Theresa by virtue of which she established, in Cluj, the first medical school in Transylvania (1776). The collection of medical, pharmaceutical and laboratory equipment sheds light on medical practices from the 19th to the 21st centuries. The Museum also houses a library with works on medical science and the history of local and universal medicine (16th -19th centuries).

The University Library bears the name of the founder of the Romanian school of the history of medicine, Valeriu Bologa. The library continues a long-standing bibliographic activity initiated at the Medical-Surgical Institute. It is one of the most valuable medical libraries in the country and has a collection estimated at 120,000 books: medical books covering clinical and preclinical domains, as well as an impressive collection of rare books (16th-18th centuries).

The collections mention above fulfil an invaluable role in preserving and promoting the academic heritage.