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## Attila Kulcsár: Medical device expert – regenerative medicine in Orthopedics

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I studied at the Faculty of Pharmacy at Comenius University with a major in Clinical Pharmacy. For my PhD studies, I chose the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology, where I specialized my research on Electrophysiology of the heart.

I would not say there was anyone in particular who inspired me to change my direction from academia towards the private sector. I decided in 1997, and my main motivation was the financial factor. Quite frankly, work in the private sector was and still is better awarded than in the academic sector.

I remember the transition was at first challenging. I had to overcome a few obstacles, but people learn fast and adapt well to new

conditions. What is often a big plus for new employees is that some employers offer high-quality training or encourage their new employees to find such self-improvement courses externally. Nowadays, PhDs can attend career development training already during their studies which helps to build their confidence before applying for a job in the private sector.

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