

UNIT 5

GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY WORKSHEET

Grifols has a history of more than 75 years in the field of pharmaceutical research and production of medicines, helping to improve the lives of many patients.

Dr. José Antonio Grifols and his two sons created the company in 1940, in Barcelona (Spain). At that time, the company focused on blood tests and transfusions. Back then it wasn't the big multinational company that it is today.



Thanks to the entrepreneurial spirit of the Grifols brothers, pioneering procedures were discovered in the research laboratory regarding human plasma extraction. **In the 1950s, Grifols developed the use of plasmapheresis for the model of blood donors.** This innovative approach allowed a person to donate only plasma, by not donating their red blood cells, which would be safer for the donor and still provide a life saving product that could be stored for longer period of time.



This technique spread internationally, gave great prestige to our brand, and it is still used today by all plasmapheresis companies in the world.

Currently, Grifols operates in 30 countries on 4 continents.

This internationalization began in the 1990s, and the company currently has sales subsidiaries in Europe, South America, Southeast Asia, and Australia.



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