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Sommario/riassunto	Although the social sciences have studied the influence of social environment on individual behaviours regarding medication, very little research has been done on the variations that exist between patients in equivalent social contexts but with diverse religious backgrounds. This article presents the results of research on the correlation between patients' religious-cultural background (Catholic, Protestant, Jewish or Muslim) and their behaviours regarding medication. It shows that the cultural origin as well as the collective history of the groups to which patients belong impact on their attitudes towards prescriptions, medicines, their own bodies, and doctors.