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Deepening the dialogue between science and religion in medicine and healthcare is important in contemporary post-secular world. Given the religious and confessional features of Ukrainian society, we emphasize the importance of Christian spiritual tradition as a counterbalance to utilitarian, relativistic and technocratic approaches. This necessitated the consideration of an issue not only in the context of reflection on the peculiarities of Christian doctrine, but also the real attitude of believers towards actual issues of medicine. The results of a sociological study show that the evaluative judgments of medical students who have identified themselves as Christians on issues of healthy lifestyle, abortion, euthanasia, although are different from the guidelines of Christian morality, but are less liberal compared to other groups of respondents. At the same time, we can conclude that there is an internal differentiation of the respondents who identify themselves as Christians to believers with internal and “external” religiousness, due to different levels of influence of religious and secular/liberal cultures on their consciousness. It is substantiated that the nature of religiousness depends not only on the inner, personal virtues of man, but also on the peculiarities of his microenvironment and macrosocial influences, in particular the peculiarities of religiousness of contemporary Ukrainian society. It is necessary to take into account, first, the isolation from the religion of the older generations of Ukrainians as a result of 70 years of forced atheism has had a significant impact on the socialization of modern youth. Second, the sharp growth of religiousness in independent Ukraine was due primarily to changes in the social model of society, its socio-political and ideological priorities, i.e. transformational influences in secular culture. The growing influence of secular values on the worldview of some believers in recent years is taking place against the background of a symbiosis of ethnic, linguistic and religious-confessional factors, politicization of religious life in Ukrainian society and growing tensions between Orthodox churches, whose parishioners make up about 65% of believers.