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- Buddhist medical practices in China;
- Buddhist medical practices in Korea and Japan;
- Cross-border studies of Buddhist medical practices;
- The role of Buddhist medicine in the formation, development, and transformation of East Asian societies;
- Modernization of Buddhist medical practices;
- Sociological studies on Buddhist medicine;
- Relationship between Buddhist medical practices and the spread of Buddhism;
- Buddhist medical literature;
- Bhaiṣajyaguru-related texts and images;
- Bhaiṣajyaguru faith;
- Significant figures in the history of Buddhist medicine.

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