

SA547137

Early Nineteenth Century Glass Leech Jar

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA547137****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Dimensions

Height = 26 cm (10.2")

Width = 22 cm (8.7")

Depth = 22 cm (8.7")

Description

An early nineteenth century glass leech jar. Completely undamaged, this rare survivor consists of a glass bowl with folded outswept rim with a capstan stem and pontil mark to the base indicating its earlier origins. These jars were kept by apothecaries to store leeches used for the purposes of blood letting on patients, a common practice for centuries and considered a cure for numerous health issues. The jar would have been covered with a layer of muslin to the top and secured with a piece of string around the inverted part of the rim.

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