

BLOOD TRANSFUSION ARTEFACT RECORD	
NUMBER	AA-002
ITEM / TITLE	540cc ORIGINAL STYLE MRC GLASS BLOOD BOTTLE
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	An empty glass blood bottle. Blank metal cap fitted. No labels. Original metal 'hanging strap' around the bottom of the bottle.
OTHER INFORMATION	Original style Medical Research Council (MRC) 'female' shaped blood bottle. Two marks on the bottle; 180 c.c. that defined the volume of anticoagulant and 540 c.c. that defined the total volume of blood + anticoagulant. The metal strap was used for hanging the bottle upside-down from a stand at the bedside to enable the blood to be transfused via a (rubber tubing) giving set. Note: A 9-inch needle 'airway' would also have been fitted to enable this to occur. The bottles were re-used, i.e. after washing, cleaning and drying, the anticoagulant was added and a new rubber bung and cap fitted. The bottles were then pressure-heat sterilised.

