

Chinese export porcelain blood letting bowl

£65



REF: 5778 Height: 8 cm (3.1") Diameter: 27 cm (10.6")

Description

A Chinese export porcelain imari pattern barber's blood letting bowl, restored, Circa 1760.

A barber's bloodletting bowl, used from the medieval to early modern periods, was essential for bloodletting procedures. Typically made of ceramic or metal, it featured a wide, shallow design to collect blood. This practice, once a common medical treatment, reflects historical approaches to healthcare and the role of barbers as early surgeons.