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Foreword

This British Standard has been prepared under the authority of the Surgical Instruments and Medical Appliances Industry Standards Committee following a request from the Association of Clinical Pathologists. A request from the British Committee for Standards in Haematology to consider standardization of medical specimen containers for blood resulted in the publication of BS 4851 "*Medical specimen containers for haematology and biochemistry*" and this was followed by a request to consider the standardization of containers for microbiology.

In both standards particular attention has been paid to requirements to minimize the health hazard arising from leakage, from fine spray or from the spread of airborne particles when opening a container holding a specimen.

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