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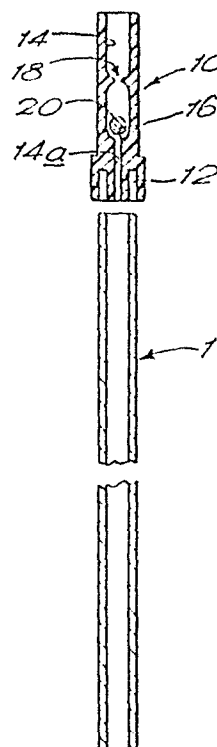
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54 **Sample tube valve body.**

57 A sample tube valve body (10) comprises a tubular body formed at one end with e.g. a socket (12) for attachment to an end of an e.g. glass tube 1, the tubular body being formed with a restriction in internal diameter at (16) and provided with a valve member 20 (e.g. a lead shot) between the restriction (16) and the opposite end of the tubular body. With the valve body (10) attached to the tube (1), a sample of e.g. blood may be drawn up the tube by suction to above the restriction 16, then allowed to drain down, in which case the sample will be held at the level of the valve member (20) seating on the restriction (16) by surface tension effects. The valve body is simple to manufacture and may be disposed of after use, whilst the tube (1) may be washed and re-used.





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