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China 18th/19th century Qing dynasty

Dimensions: H. 14cm x Diam. 9.5cm (5¾" x 3¾")

The figure rendered is possibly Li Tieguai, one of the Eight Immortals in Chinese mythology. He is often depicted in an appearance of a beggar with a crutch; his attribute is a gourd, which is hanging from a branch above the immortal on this brush pot. Li's gourd is said to be full of medicine which is to be dispensed to the sick and the poor.







