

## <u>Microbiology Culture:</u> <u>Clean-Catch Midstream Urine Collection</u> (*Technique for Males*)

**Note:** An acceptable sample will be urine that has been held in the bladder for about 4 hours or greater.

Rejection Criteria – urine that has not been held within the bladder for the recommended time, unless otherwise notified by a doctor.

- (1). Wash and dry hands thoroughly. Unscrew the cap from the sterile container provided and place it upside down on a clean surface.
- (2). Retract the foreskin of the penis so as to expose the glans (head of the penis).
- (3). Taking the soap towelette provided, cleanse the area around the urinary opening.
- (4). Discard the used towelette and repeat step # 3 with a second soap towelette (discard after using).
- (5). Pass the first part of the urine into the toilet then catch approximately 60-90 mL (see markings on container) of urine into the sterile container in such a way that the container does not touch any part of the body.
- (6). Pass the rest of the urine into the toilet.
- (7). Recap the container by making sure that the lid is securely tightened.
- (8). Wash and dry hands thoroughly.

  Bring the urine specimen to the laboratory as soon as possible.