



## **PROTOCOL FOR PIPETTING OF URINE**

The Chlamydia test is extremely sensitive, following this step by step protocol will reduce the risk of cross contamination between samples.

- ✓ **Wash your hands**
- ✓ **Prepare the area. Place a paper towel onto a clean work surface (as for pregnancy testing)**
- ✓ **Open the pipette pack in preparation (Aptima Combo Assay Urine Specimen Collection Kit).**
- ✓ **Put on a pair of gloves**
- ✓ **Take the container containing the urine sample and place both down onto the prepared surface.**
- ✓ **Take out the specimen tube from its' pack (yellow tube). Unscrew lid and either hold tube or place down onto the prepared surface.**
- ✓ **Take the plastic pipette from the pack.**
- ✓ **Insert it into the urine sample and gently 'squeeze' to draw up 2mls of urine. The pipette has the required amount marked at the neck.**

- ✓ Squeeze the pipetted urine into the yellow specimen tube. The urine should be visible in the central window (marked - fill area).
- ✓ Dispose of the used pipette directly into the waste bin. ***DO NOT replace onto the prepared surface,***
- ✓ Screw the lid back on the specimen tube and place to one side
- ✓ Dispose of urine in container in waste bin along with; any packaging, paper towel and gloves.
- ✓ Wipe work surface with warm soapy water or disinfectant and dry. Repeat between clients.
- ✓ Wash your hands
- ✓ ***Make sure specimen tube is labelled correctly***