

## How Do I Care for the Equipment?

- 1. Clean catheter immediately after use with soap and water, using soap lather from your hands.
- 2. Rinse inside and outside of catheter well with water.
- 3. Air dry catheter by laying on a clean towel. Change towel every day.
- 4. Wash urine container every day with soap and water.
- 5. Once a day, sterilize catheter.
  - Clean catheter as above with soap and water
  - Prepare a solution of 1 tsp. bleach in 1 cup of water in a clean, tightly covered container (use a pure, fragrance-free bleach such as Hilex or Clorox- do not use other products).
  - Soak catheter in bleach solution for at least ½ hour or overnight.
  - After soaking, rinse well with water and air-dry as above.
  - Dispose of catheter when it becomes stiff, cracked or you are unable to use it.
- 6. If away from home:
  - Use pre-moistened towelettes, if soap and water are not available for cleaning hands and catheter.
  - If water is available, rinse catheter after use and place in resealable bag.
  - Dispose of resealable bag after catheter has been cleaned at home.
  - Urine may be drained into a diaper, toilet, or collection container.

## **PLEASE NOTE:**

Be careful to label the bleach solution so it will not be confused with the normal saline bladder irrigation.