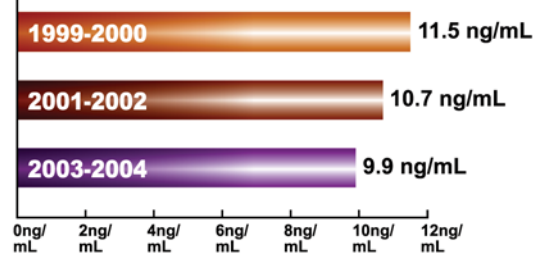


Are Your Patients Ignoring the Warnings?

Despite abundant evidence suggesting inadequate folic acid intake before and during pregnancy increases the risk of horrific birth defects, not enough women seem to be paying attention – just look at these declining numbers, courtesy of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

Serum folate concentrations (ng/mL)



SOURCE: Folate Status in Women of Childbearing Age, by Race/Ethnicity – United States, 1999-2000, 2001-2002, and 2003-2004. *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* 2007;55(51-52):1377-80.