

Take Folic Acid

FA: Every day take a vitamin pill or eat a fortified cereal that has folic acid in it.



FA: Folic acid or folate is a B-vitamin that can help prevent birth defects of the brain and spinal cord.

FA: These defects can cause serious health problems, even death to babies.



FA: It is important to have enough folic acid in your body before you get pregnant and when you first become pregnant.



FA: Because most pregnancies are not planned, taking folic acid is a smart move!

FA: Start taking folic acid every day.





FA: Take 100% of what is recommended.




FA: Look for 100% on the label.

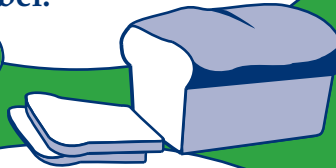
Also, eat foods that have folate in them, such as:



-  Orange juice;
-  Spinach, asparagus, okra and other green vegetables;
-  Dried beans and peas;
-  Rice and whole wheat bread that say "enriched" on the label.



 Even if you are very healthy and eat a good diet, take a vitamin pill or eat a cereal fortified with folic acid every day.



If you have questions about vitamins or need more information about having a healthy baby, talk to your doctor or health care provider or call 1-800-SAFENET.

If you need this information in a different format, please call 503-731-4022.

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