

Pregnancy Planning Guide

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# TRIMESTER ZERO = PRECONCEPTION TRIMESTER ONE = EARLY PREGNANCY

# Follow these tips during preconception and early pregnancy to help support positive pregnancy outcomes:



# **Take Prenatal Vitamins**

Start 1 month prior to conception or as soon as possible. Meet these daily goals with a healthy diet and a daily prenatal vitamin:

- 400 mcg of folate<sup>1</sup>
- 18 mg of iron<sup>1</sup>
- 1,300 mg of calcium<sup>1</sup>
- 400 IU of vitamin D1
- 20 mcg or 800 IU of iodine<sup>1</sup>



# Eat Nutritious Foods

Eat a variety of foods: fruit, vegetables, whole grains and protein:

- 71 grams of lean protein<sup>2</sup>
- Eat foods high in folate, iron and calcium
- Mix in foods that naturally contain DHA, but avoid those with high-levels of mercury
- Limit caffeine to 200 mg per day<sup>3</sup>



## **Exercise Regularly<sup>\*</sup>**

- 150 minutes of aerobic activity each week OR
- **30 minutes of low-impact exercise** 5 days a week
- Stay hydrated with 8-10 cups of water daily



### Lifestyle Adjustments<sup>4</sup>

- Don't drink, smoke or use drugs; avoid second hand smoke
- Avoid hot tubs, saunas and hot baths
- Get 8 hours of sleep nightly
- · Limit stress as much as possible
- Avoid harmful chemicals (insecticides, paint fumes, cleaning solvents, lead and mercury)
- Avoid contact with cat liter and rodents, including pet rodents



#### Talk to Your Healthcare Provider

- Discuss your intention for pregnancy with your doctor
- Review preconception checklist
- Develop a plan that is suitable for your specific needs

# **Preconception Checklist**



Use the checklist below to help prepare for pregnancy and ensure that you are giving your baby the best start in life. Review these items with your healthcare provider to develop a preconception plan tailored to you.

Evaluate and confirm pregnancy intention<sup>5</sup>

# **Medical Considerations**

Schedule prenatal care visit with healthcare provider<sup>5</sup>

Start daily preconception multivitamin with folic acid5

Identify a healthy weight5

Identify and address nutritional issues<sup>6</sup>

Establish optimal glycemic control for women with pre-gestational diabetes<sup>5</sup>

Confirm absence of sexually transmitted infections<sup>5</sup>

Assess mental health and absence of uncontrolled depression<sup>5,6</sup>

Determine immunization history<sup>6</sup>

Evaluate undiagnosed, untreated, or poorly controlled medical conditions<sup>5</sup>

Review medications, including teratogenic medications and radiation exposure<sup>5,6</sup>

Review family history and genetic risk<sup>6</sup>

# **Lifestyle Considerations**

Eliminate tobacco substances and other high-risk behaviors<sup>5,6</sup>

Evaluate social impacts of pregnancy<sup>6</sup>

Evaluate occupational and environmental exposures<sup>6</sup>

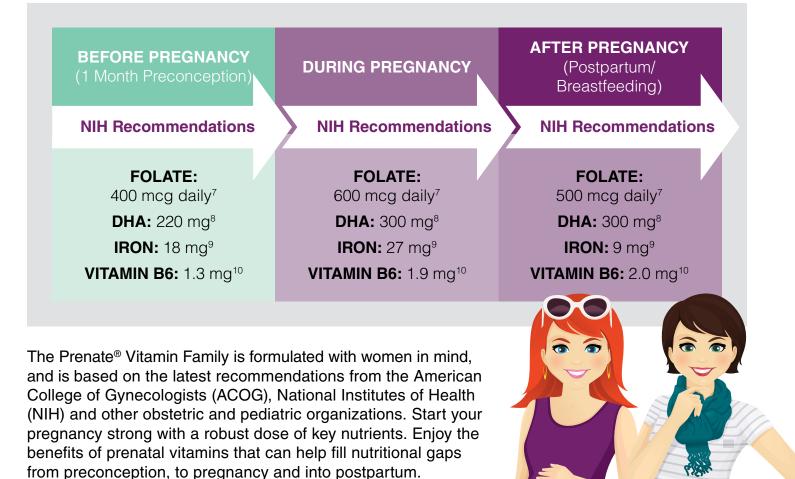


Trimester Zero is the time for preconception care and counseling, at least 3 months before becoming pregnant.

# Essential Nutrients for Trimester Zero & Trimester One



# Importance of critical nutrients every step of the way



from preconception, to pregnancy and into postpartum.

# Two great options in one family — both small and easy to swallow

# Prenate Mini<sup>®</sup>

A small, easy to swallow softgel with complete prenatal nutrition support, including 350 mg of DHA.



Robust Rx prenatal vitamin with 11 concentrated nutrients including DHA in a tiny softgel.

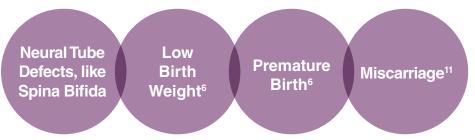




## FOLIC ACID Essential in early pregnancy for neural tube closure

Prenate Mini<sup>®</sup> and Prenate Pixie<sup>®</sup> both provide 1 mg of folate, as a blend of 600 mcg of bioavailable L-methylfolate\* and 400 mcg of traditional folic acid. This ensures that the 53% of women who have an inability to convert traditional folic acid to a usable form still obtain recommended values.16,17

#### Low folic acid levels may put your baby at risk for:





Research suggests that the risk of autism spectrum disorders lowers with mothers who take >600 mcg of folic acid daily in month 1 of pregnancy<sup>12</sup>



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#### When Should I Start Taking Folic Acid?

Women often start folic acid supplementation too late to impact neural tube closure.<sup>13,14</sup> Neural tube development occurs in the first 2-8 weeks of conception, so women should start taking folic acid supplements at least one month prior to conception.<sup>15</sup>



# Promotes healthy development of red cells, heart, lungs and muscles

Sumalate® (ferrous asparto glycinate) is an iron form used in Prenate Mini® and Prenate Pixie® prenatal vitamins. It allows for maximum absorption of iron with little to no side effects.<sup>18-21</sup>



**3**X'S It is three times more bioavailable than common iron forms, making a smaller dose more efficient.<sup>18-21</sup>





# **DHA** Boost brain and heart function for mom and baby

One way pregnant women may help meet their daily DHA intake goals and cover nutritional gaps, without risking high mercury consumption, is to take a daily prenatal vitamin with DHA. Prenate Mini<sup>®</sup> and Prenate Pixie<sup>®</sup> both contain marine-based DHA to help meet the NIH daily recommendations.



Eye health and vision<sup>23,24</sup>

Visual function and development<sup>23,24</sup>

#### DHA may help support the following:



Brain development and cognitive function<sup>23,25</sup>

Mental function throughout life<sup>23,25</sup>



Gestational length and birth weight<sup>26</sup>



## When Should I Start Omega-3s?

National Institute of Health recommends starting daily Omega-3 fatty acid intake prior to pregnancy and conception.<sup>22</sup>



#### VITAMIN B6 Helps alleviate symptoms of nausea associated with common morning sickness

In early pregnancy, it is not uncommon for expecting mothers to experience nausea and vomiting as their bodies adjust to increasing hormone levels. ACOG recommends trying vitamin B6 supplementation, before other antiemetic drugs, to help alleviate nausea.<sup>27</sup> Prenate Mini<sup>®</sup> and Prenate Pixie<sup>®</sup> both contain vitamin B6.

# **Recipes Rich in Key Nutrients**





## **Raspberry-Peach-Mango Smoothie Bowl**

Ready In 10 min **Nutrition Bonus:** Good source of folate, vitamin C, vitamin A, and calcium http://www.eatingwell.com/recipe/254618/raspberry-peach-mango-smoothie-bowl



Egg Frittata Ready in 25 min Nutrition Bonus: Good source of vitamin A, vitamin b6, vitamin C, and calcium https://www.parents.com/recipe/eggs/frittata



# Super Green Edamame Salad

Ready in 20 min **Nutrition Bonus:** Good source of folate and vitamin C http://www.eatingwell.com/recipe/252724/super-green-edamame-salad



## **Vegetarian Monte Cristo Sandwich**

Ready in 45 min **Nutrition Bonus:** Good source of calcium, vitamin A, folate, and vitamin B6 https://www.epicurious.com/recipes/food/views/meatless-monte-cristo-sandwiches-100953



#### Roasted Salmon Rice Bowl with Beets & Brussels

Ready In 50 min Nutrition Bonus: Good source of DHA, vitamin C, and folate http://www.eatingwell.com/recipe/262156/roasted-salmon-rice-bowl-with-beets-brussels



## Seared Steak Salad with Edamame & Cilantro

Ready In 35 min **Nutrition Bonus:** Good source of iron, folate, vitamin C, and vitamin A http://www.eatingwell.com/recipe/249303/seared-steak-salad-with-edamame-cilantro



#### Grilled Chipotle Chicken and Sweet Potato Toss Ready in 30 min

Nutrition Bonus: Good source of vitamin A, potassium, calcium and iron https://www.cookinglight.com/recipes/grilled-chipotle-chicken-sweet-potato-toss

# Automatic eVoucherRx™ Savings Program





## **Simple and Easy**

Eliminate the hassle of remembering a coupon voucher with eVoucherRx<sup>™</sup>. eVoucherRx<sup>™</sup> is a paperless electronic coupon program that automatically applies the savings at the pharmacy and makes co-pay savings on every prescription easy.



#### Innovation

A tech world calls for modernization, like Avion's new electronic savings program. Ditch the paper and let the computer do the work for you, guaranteeing optimal savings for an optimal product.



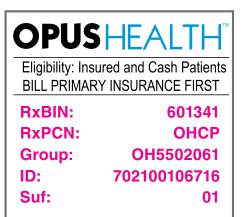
## How does it work?

Once an eligible prescription is available at participating pharmacies (~95% of retail pharmacies), the eVoucherRx<sup>™</sup> savings coupon will be automatically applied to the co-pay.



# **Universal EMR Instant Rebate Codes**

For all pharmacies not able to participate in the Avion e-voucher program we offer a universal ID that will allow the patient to enjoy instant savings off of each prescription. Please present the IDS below for the appropriate prescription and the savings will be automatically applied to the prescription.





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