

## **Spina Bifida: Patient Told Not To Take Prenatal Vitamins.**

A judge of the US District Court for the Western District of Tennessee recently awarded more than \$1,000,000 from the US government for the benefit of a child born with spina bifida.

The mother, then on active service in the US military, after relating her current plan to become pregnant to her doctor at a US military medical facility, was told she did not need prenatal vitamins, including folate, as she did not have an iron deficiency and could be harmed by taking supplements containing iron. **Brown v. US**, 2008 WL 859148 (W.D. Tenn., March 31, 2008).