## **Women's Health: Oral Contraceptives**

Many women in today's hectic world choose to take oral contraceptives as a convenient method of birth control. However, what many women do not know is that oral contraceptives deplete folic acid, Vitamins B1, B2, B3, B6, B12 and C, zinc, and magnesium. They also deplete nutrients needed for healthy thyroid function.

**Folic acid depletion** causes anemia (abnormal RBC growth), birth defects, cervical dysplasia (causing painful intercourse), elevated homocysteine, and increases risk of breast and colorectal cancer.

**Vitamin B-6 depletion** causes reduced serotonin synthesis, depression, anxiety, sleep disturbances, reduced melatonin synthesis (think sleep issues), and elevated homocysteine.

For anyone taking oral contraceptives, consider the following protocol to offset the nutrient depletions:

- Methylfolate Plus<sup>TM</sup> Supplies folate in its active form with Vitamin B12 in a phytochemically rich vegetable culture base.
- B12-2000<sup>TM</sup> Lozenges Naturally flavored Vitamin B12 with folic acid and Vitamin B6.
- Meda-Stim<sup>TM</sup> A proprietary, broad-spectrum vitamin/mineral with trace minerals, amino acid, glutathione, and herbal formulation to support thyroid function.

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