

Number of women seeing obstetrician-gynecologists drops

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(HealthDay)—The percentage of women who visit an obstetrician-

gynecologist has declined since 2000, according to a study published online Sept. 5 in *Obstetrics & Gynecology*.

Alan E. Simon, M.D., and Sayeedha F.G. Uddin, M.D., M.P.H., from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in Washington, D.C., used data from the 2000-2015 National Health Interview Surveys to identify the percentage of U.S. women who had visited an ob-gyn and the percentage who had visited a general [physician](#) during the preceding 12 months.

The researchers found that the adjusted percentage of U.S. women who saw a general physician during the preceding 12 months did not significantly change from 2000 to 2015, ranging from 70.1 percent in 2007 to 74.2 percent in 2003 ($P > 0.05$ for trend). The adjusted percentage who saw an ob-gyn in the preceding 12 months did not change from 2000 to 2003 or 2007 to 2011 ($P > 0.05$), but it declined from 45 percent to 41.2 percent between 2003 and 2007 and from 41.8 percent to 38.4 percent between 2011 and 2015 (P trend).

"To assure high-quality and coordinated care, physicians should identify whether [women](#) see both health care provider types or only one to help assure that all recommended services are being offered," conclude the authors.

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