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BODY SIGNALS & SYMPTOMS

I Feel Hungry Again Soon After Eating

Hunger returning is information, not something to justify

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Space to Breathe Therapy

What could my body be telling me?

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Possible contributors

- The amount eaten or the balance and composition of the meal
- Activity level, growth, recovery, stress or poor sleep
- A longer gap before the meal or simply a hungrier day

Look for patterns, not one explanation

Body sensations often have several possible causes. Consider timing, repetition, associated symptoms and what is different from your usual pattern. This resource supports reflection; it does not diagnose.

A practical response

Pause, notice and respond

- 1 Notice the hunger cue without judging it.
- 2 Recall what and how much you ate, only as useful context.
- 3 Consider activity, sleep, stress and the timing of earlier food.
- 4 Respond with more food or a snack if that is what your body needs.

Use the information safely

Notice whether the symptom is new, severe, persistent or affecting daily life.
Use appropriate professional support rather than making major changes to food, medication or treatment by yourself.

Your symptom reflection

What hunger feels like

Time since eating

What the meal offered

Activity and sleep

What I chose next

How I felt afterwards

When to seek support

You do not have to earn or justify responding to hunger. Frequent extreme hunger alongside thirst, weight change or other symptoms is worth discussing with a clinician.