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Your cycle-synced guide to understanding and managing hormonal bloating patterns

Phase	Days	Typical Symptoms	Food Focus	Movement/Self- Care	Quick SOS Protocol
MENSTRUAL	Days 1-7	Cramps,low energyPossiblebloatingMood dips	 Warm, nourishing foods (soups, stews) Iron-rich choices (leafy greens, beans) Omega-3s (salmon, flaxseed) 	 Rest when needed Gentle yoga stretches Short walks Use heating pad for comfort 	Heat pad on abdomen + ginger or chamomile tea + gentle belly massage
FOLLICULAR	Days 8-13	 Rising energy & mood Minimal bloating Motivated feeling 	 Lean protein & complex carbs Cruciferous vegetables (broccoli, kale) Fermented foods (yogurt, sauerkraut) 	 Increase activity: light cardio Be social - energy is up Start new projects 	Peppermint tea for digestion + brisk walk to boost energy + keep up water intake

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OVULATORY	Days 14-15	 Peak energy and mood Possible ovulation twinges Social confidence high 	 Estrogen-balancing foods (leafy greens) Light, fresh meals Antioxidant-rich fruits 	 High-intensity workouts (if desired) Enjoy outings and communication Get proper sleep 	Gentle yoga twists + extra glass of water + healthy snacks (nuts, fruit)
LUTEAL	Days 16-28	 PMS symptoms: bloating Breast tenderness, cravings Mood swings, lower energy 	 Complex carbs (sweet potato, whole grains) Magnesium- rich foods (nuts, seeds) Limit excess salt and caffeine 	 Moderate exercise (walking, yoga) Prioritize sleep and stress reduction Plan gentle activities 	Magnesium supplement + Epsom salt bath + peppermint/fennel tea

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