STRESS MANAGEMENT

BUILDING RESILIENCE AGAINST POTENTIAL STRESSORS







Stress can be healthy.



Improves memory, attention span and productivity.



"An acceptable amount of pressure in our lives."



Energy to motivate or finish a task.



STRESSORS

INTERPERSONAL STRESSORS

Conflicts in relationships with friends, partner, colleagues, children....

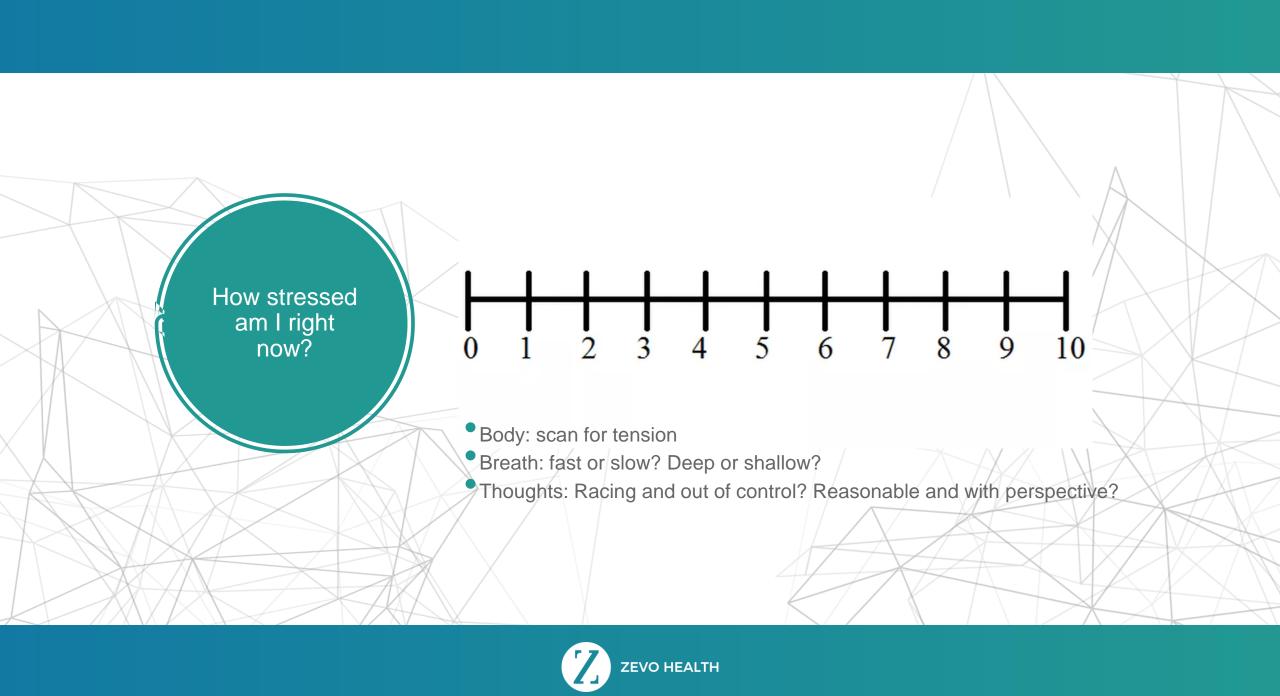
PHYSIOLOGICAL STRESSORS

Illness and injury, lack of sleep, pain, hormonal changes.

EXTERNAL SITUATIONS CHANGE

Major life event happens – death of someone close to you, discovering your pay has been cut, urgent deadlines or upcoming exam.





COPING STRATEGIES

- Helpful things we can use to support us during hard times.
- Healthy or Unhealthy
- Unhealthy: often stem from childhood, when we couldn't get our needs met.

M	Unhealthy	Healthy
	Numb the pain	Support to feel the pain
	Avoid a feeling	Beneficial for attending to current situation
	Avoid addressing a situation	Constructive
	Catastrophising	Bring more self-understanding



- Breathing
- Soothing activity
- Support from a friend
- Exercise
- Meditation
- Caffeine and sugar
- Spiritual or social engagement





- Take a break
- Make lists and cross off items
- Prioritse in terms of urgency and importance

