



# Education and health inequalities

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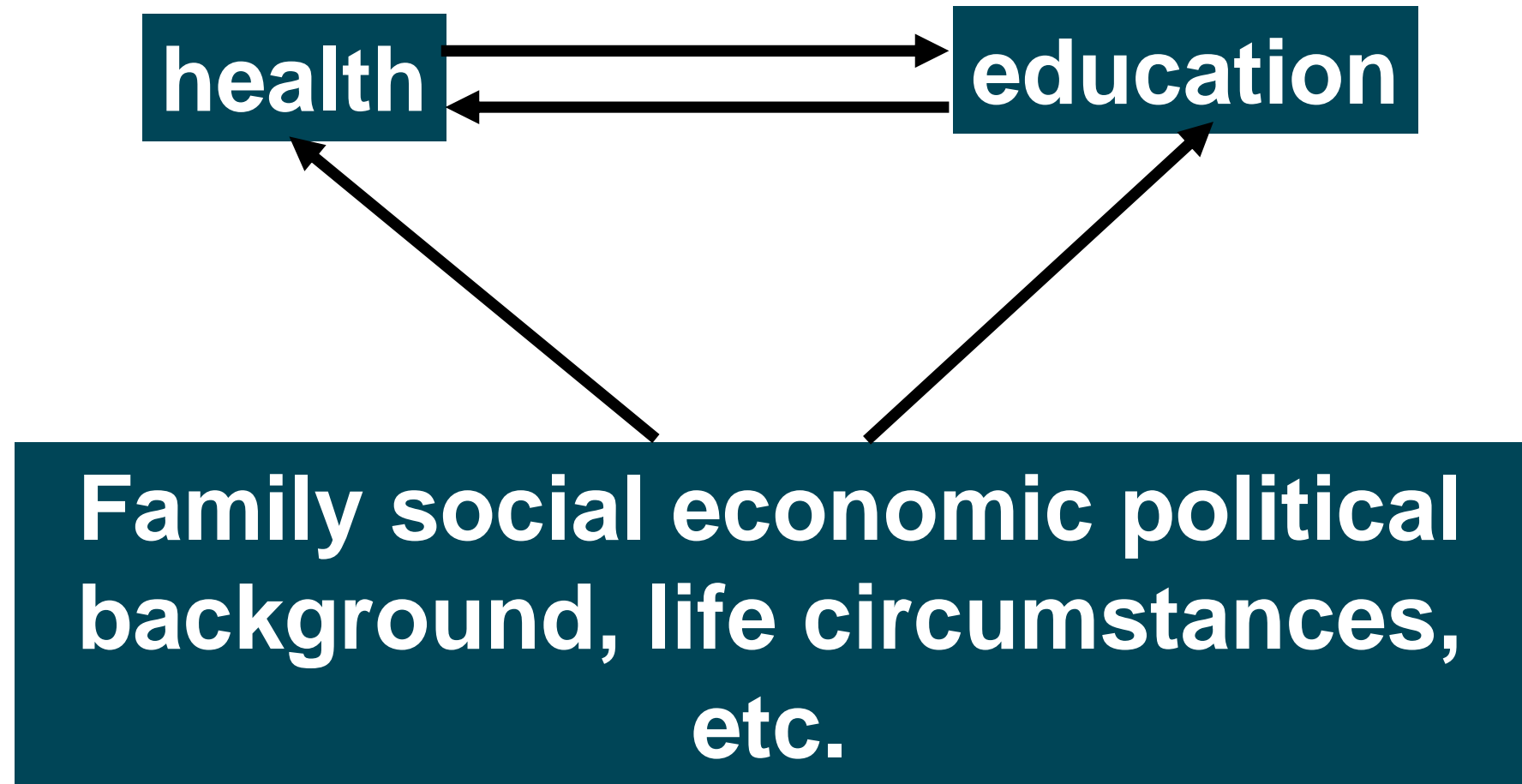
Adults of higher social class live longer, enjoy better physical and mental health, and have healthier lifestyles than adults of lower social classes (e.g. McMahon 1999, Acheson 1998)

What underlies this correlation?

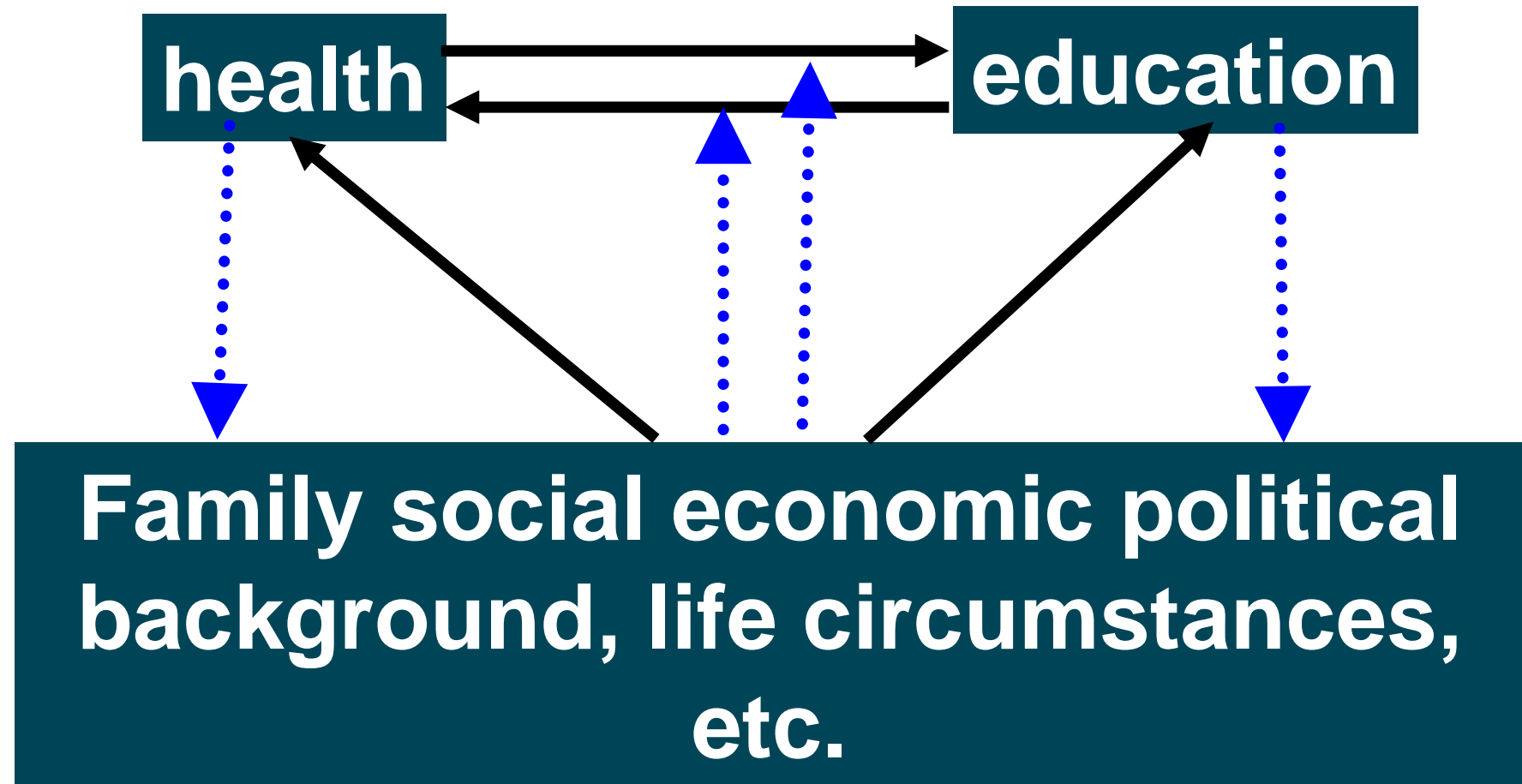
income, wealth, status, intelligence, education  
(Jim Smith 2004)



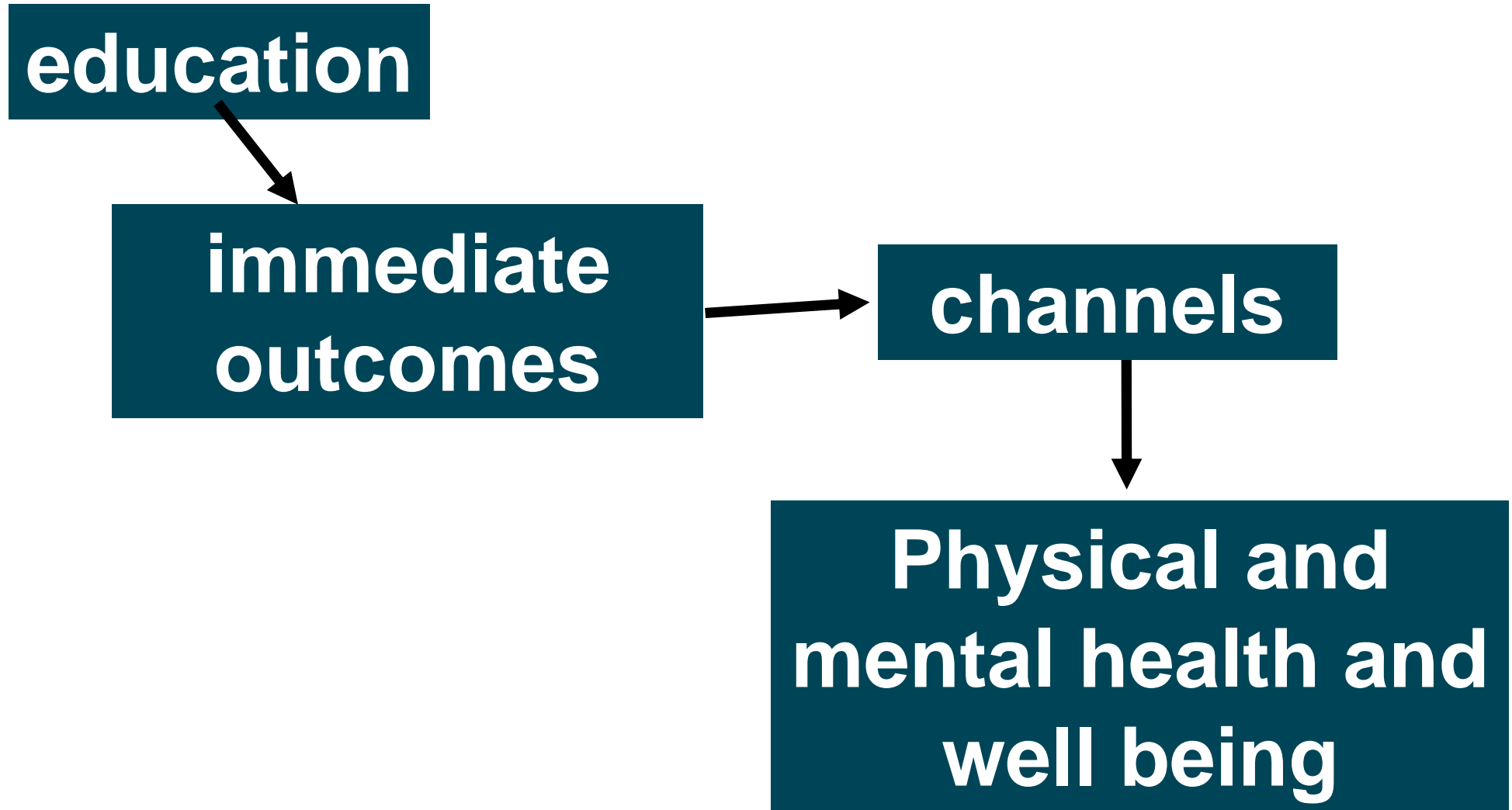
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# Simplifications of the model

- Just one causal pathway included
- Effects of education on health are not positive for everyone
- Education doesn't happen once
- Health and well being are trajectories
- At level of individual
  - Positional benefits of education
  - Distribution of education
- Still in progress



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