

Health Disparities and Community Strategies

A Panel Addressing Disparities in
Diverse Populations

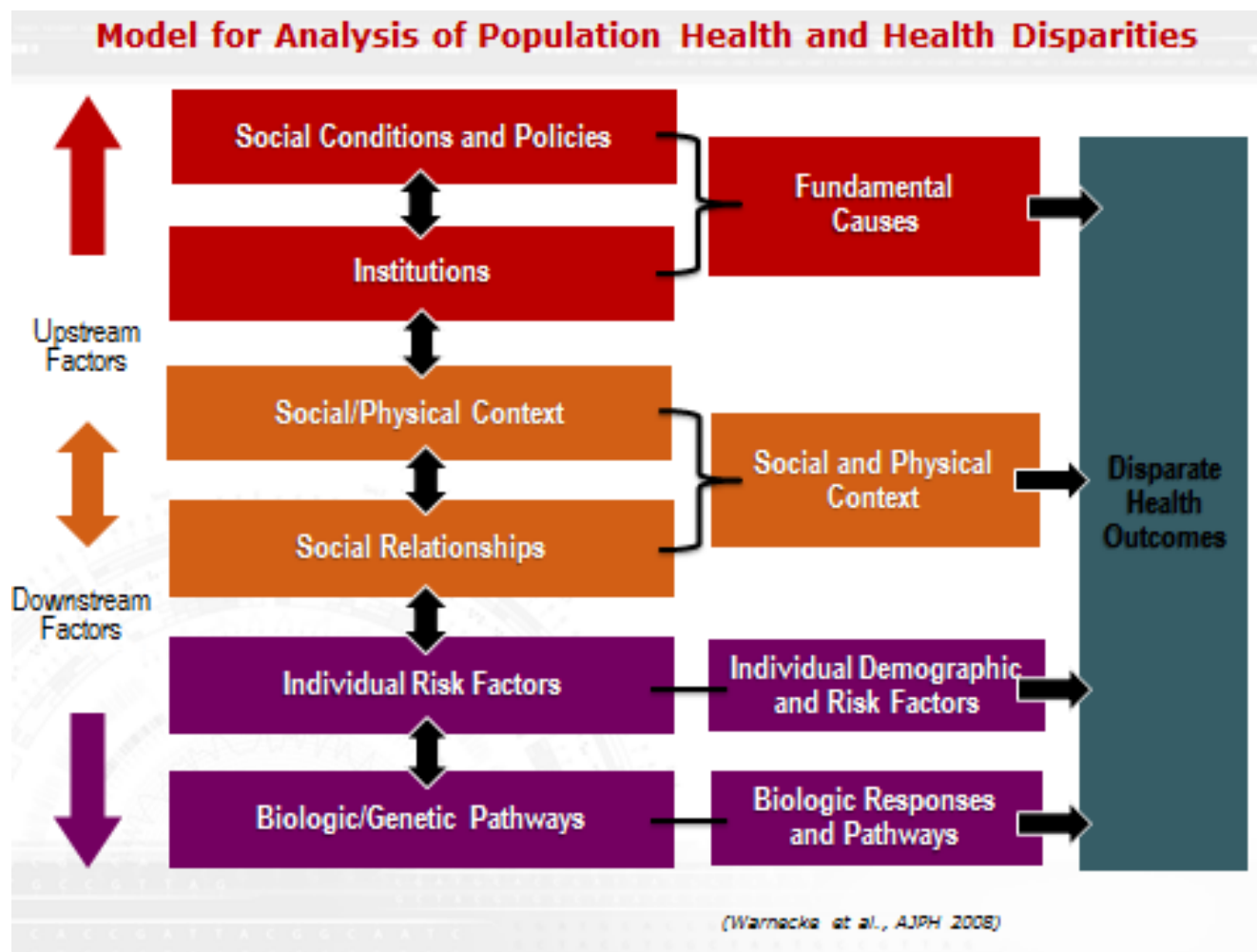
Why focus on health disparities?

- In **1985**, Margaret Heckler noted that the annual report card on the health status of Americans “. . . signaled a sad and significant fact; there was a continuing disparity in the burden of death and illness experienced by **Blacks and other minority Americans** as compared with our nation's population as a whole." She noted that although there had been steady gains in the health status of minority Americans, "the stubborn **disparity** remained--an affront both to our ideals and to the ongoing genius of American medicine."



*Margaret Heckler
15th U.S. Secretary of HHS*

Understanding Health Disparities



Panel Presenters

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