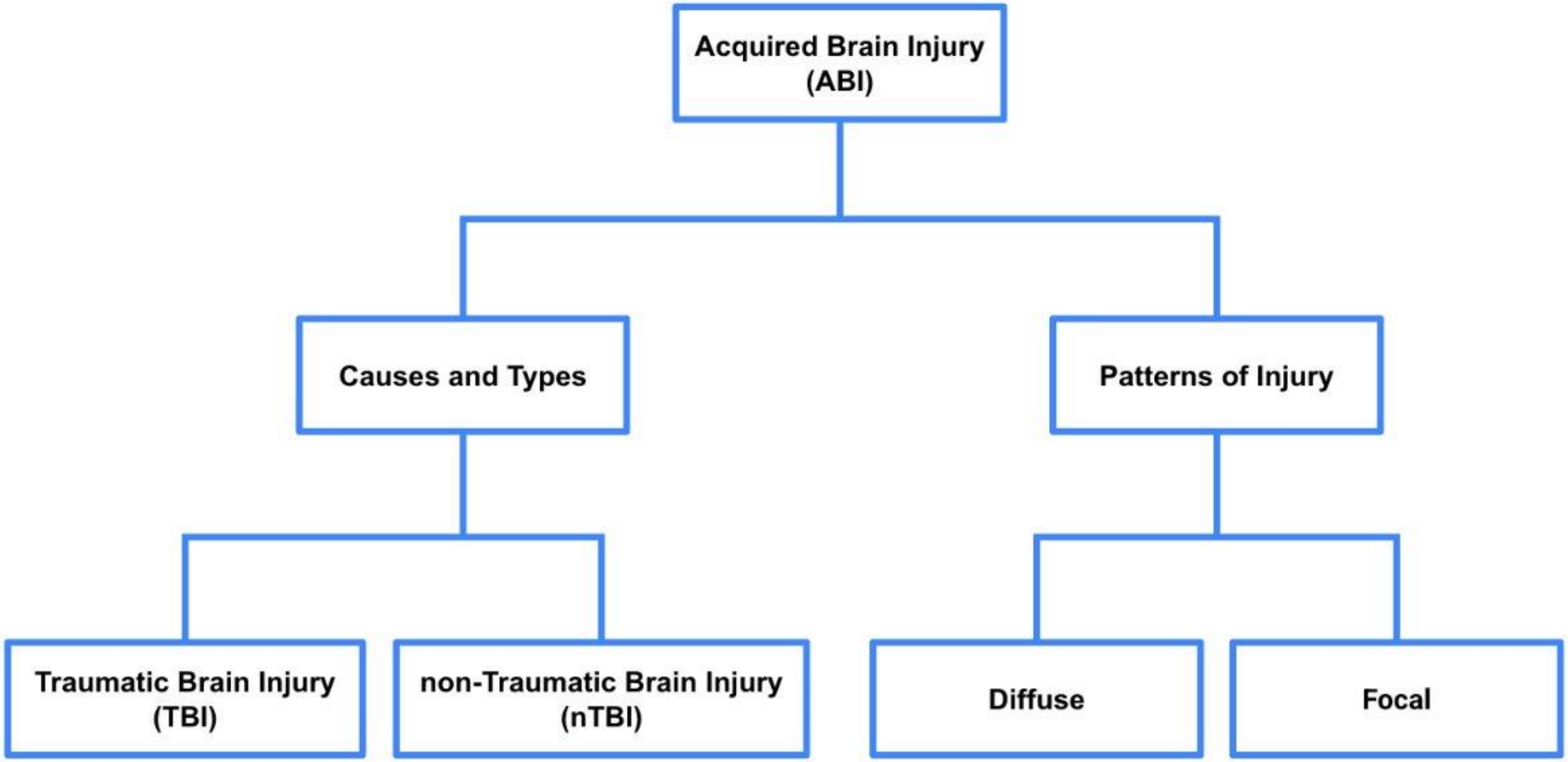
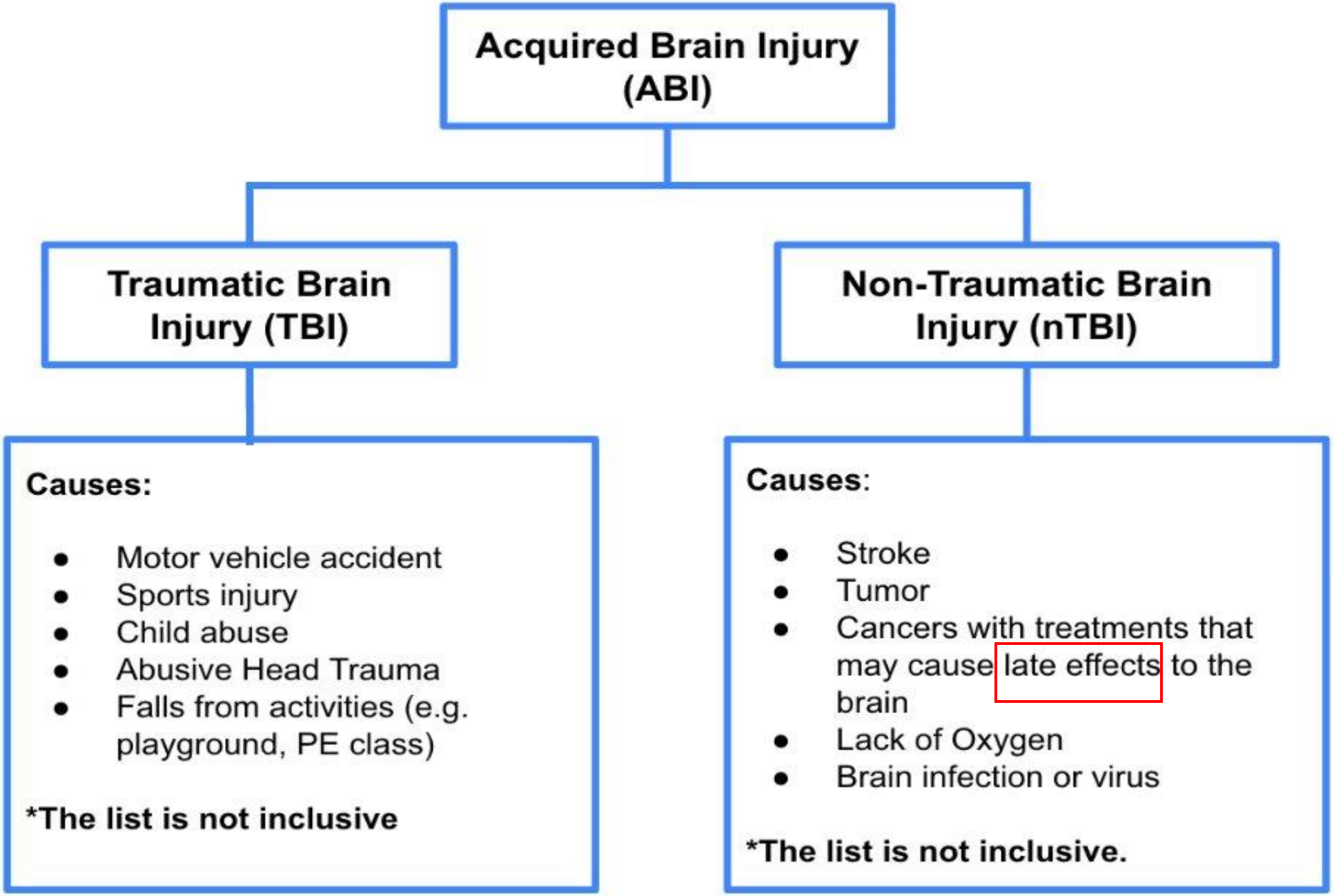
Supporting School Transition After Pediatric Acquired Brain Injury

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What is Acquired Brain Injury




Acquired Brain Injury (ABI)
Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)
Non-Traumatic Brain Injury (nTBI)
Causes:
Motor vehicle accident
Sports injury
Child abuse
Abusive Head Trauma
Falls from activities (e.g. playground, PE class)
*The list is not inclusive
Causes:
Stroke
Tumor
Cancers with treatments that may cause late effects to the brain
Lack of Oxygen
Brain infection or virus
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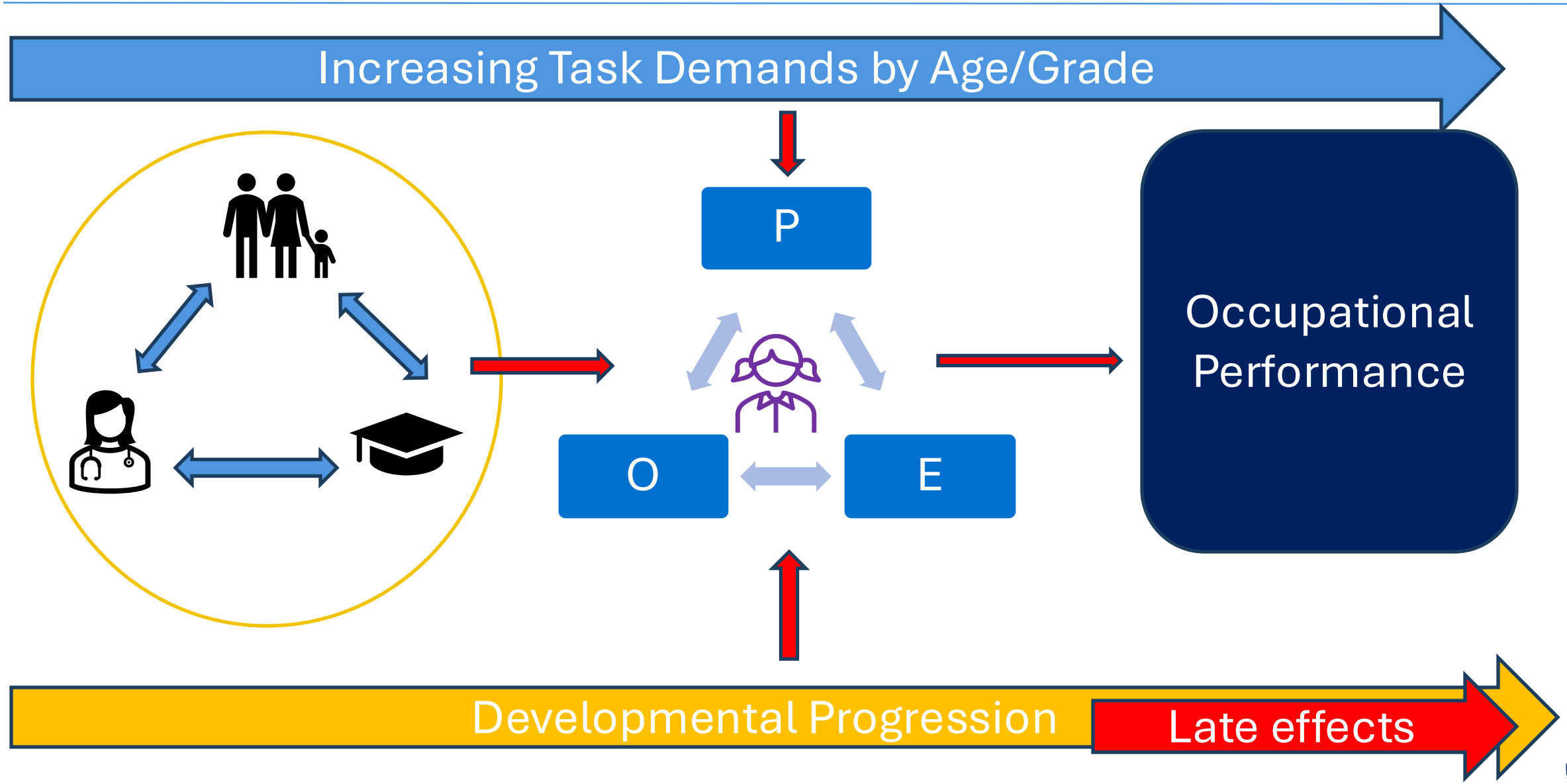
What is Medical-to-Educational Transition?

- School reintegration
- School reentry
- Back to school
- Return-to-Learn
- Academic transition
- Discharge planning
- Continuity of care

***Neglect kids with injury prior to schooling**

***Terms are ALSO used in COVID-19 school closure!**

Medical-to-Educational Transition for Equitable Readiness (METER)



(Law et al., 1996)

Participation-Focused Questions to Ask!

- What will become harder next year?
- What environmental features amplify vulnerability?
- When does fatigue peak?
- Which school tasks break down first?
- Who ensures follow-up?

Specific Strategies and Tools

- Script for first day of school
- Daily logs given to teachers and staff
- Transition folder for all necessary documents

Older kids:

- Emergency contacts and plan
- Bullying support
- Symptoms tracker

Suggested Resources

BrainSTEPS
www.brainsteps.net

The Hospital Educator and Academic Liaison Association (HEAL)
www.healassociation.org/

SUCCESS Lab – Johns Hopkins University

The Center on Brain Injury and Training
https://cbirt.org/

Summary

- **Medical-to-Educational Transition**
  - Transition is a **process**

- **METER = PRACTICE FRAMEWORK**
  - ***Identify*** the potential problems

- **OT AND OTA = KNOWLEDGE TRANSLATORS**
  - Curriculum revision and practice strategies



Transition is not medical clearance!

It is a longitudinal participation process shaped by development and environment.

Thank You!

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