

# Reference set

A standard format for maintaining and distributing a set of references to [SNOMED CT components](#) and optionally associating referenced components with additional information.

## Notes

1. A reference set can be used to represent a subset of components ([concepts](#), [descriptions](#) or [relationships](#)).
2. A reference set that associates additional information with referenced components can be used to support various different purposes, such as representing:
  - An ordered lists of components;
  - Sets of associations between components;
  - Maps between SNOMED CT concepts and codes in other code systems, classifications or knowledge resources.

## Alternatives

- [Refset](#)
- [SNOMED CT reference set](#)

## Related Links

- [Reference Sets](#)
- [Reference Set Types](#)
- [Subset](#)
- [Extensibility Mechanism](#)
- [Practical Guide to Reference Sets](#)