

SNOMED CT relationship

An association between a source [concept](#) and a destination [concept](#).

Notes

- Each *relationship* is represented by a separate row in the [relationship file](#).
- Each *relationship* has a unique [identifier](#) and contains columns identifying the [relationship type](#) and the concepts that are related ([sourceId](#) and [destinationId](#)).
- Each *relationship* provides defining information about the source [concept](#).
- Following enhancements to SNOMED CT during 2019, the authoritative stated representation of this defining information will be [OWL axioms](#) distributed in [OWL Expression Reference Sets](#). [Relationships](#) will continue to be distributed to represent the [necessary normal form](#).

Example

- The source, type and destination of one of the *relationships* for the concept [74400008 |Appendicitis \(disorder\)|](#) are as follows:

| sourceId | typeld | destinationId |
|---|--|---|
| 74400008 appendicitis | 363698007 finding site | 66754008 appendix structure |

Alternatives

- [Relationship](#)

Related Links

- [Relationship File Specification](#)
- [Concept Enumerations for Relationship typeld](#)