

precoordinated expression

An expression that contains a single [concept identifier](#) to represent an idea.

Notes

- *Precoordinated expressions* combine all aspects of a potentially multifaceted [concept](#) into a single discreet form.
- [SNOMED CT](#) technical specifications include guidance for transforming logical [expressions](#) into a common [canonical form](#).

Example

- The procedure, laparoscopic emergency appendectomy can be represented with the *precoordinated expression* 174041007 |laparoscopic emergency appendectomy| to record an instance of this procedure. This procedure has at least three distinct facets: *removal of appendix*, *using a laparoscope*, and *as an emergency procedure*. [SNOMED CT](#) *precoordinates* these facets in one [concept](#).

Alternatives

- **Precoordinated**
- **Precoordination**

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