

# navigation hierarchy

A hierarchical view of [SNOMED CT concepts](#) that differs from the [subtype hierarchy](#) and enables an alternative way to locate and view part or all of the concept of [SNOMED CT](#).

## Notes

- [SNOMED CT](#) enables *navigation hierarchies* to be specified using either:
  - an *ordered association reference set* in which the display order of nodes can be specified; or
  - an *association reference set* which the display order is not specified.
- The links in a *navigation hierarchy* do not contribute in any way to the semantic definitions of the linked [concepts](#).
- A *navigation hierarchy* may include [navigation concepts](#) which are created to represent nodes in the hierarchy exist only to organize the hierarchy and cannot be selected for data entry.
- A *navigation hierarchy* may be limited to a subset of [concepts](#) relevant to a particular use case.
- Many different *navigation hierarchies* can be created, each specifying a structure that meets the needs of a particular use case.

## Related Links

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