5.1.2. Order Preferred Term Matches Before Synonyms

It is recommended to order preferred term matches before synonyms, particularly in clinical settings, as the Preferred Term is a common word or phrase used by clinicians to name that Concept. This technique will enhance usability and significantly increase the speed of data entry. It may be helpful to the user whether the candidate match is a Preferred Term or synonym.

![Search results for hernia with preferred term matches before synonyms](image)

**Figure 5.1.2-1: Ordering preferred term matches before synonyms**