4.1 Concepts

SNOMED CT concepts represent clinical meanings. Each concept has a permanent concept identifier, which uniquely identifies the clinical meaning. For example:

- 22298006 myocardial infarction
- 160341008 family history: epilepsy
- 399208008 plain chest X-ray
- 319996000 simvastatin 10mg tablet

SNOMED CT's concepts, and their logic-based definitions, allow analytics services to perform meaning-based queries, rather than purely lexical (or string-matching) searching.