## Substance

### Definition

Active chemical constituents of allergens, agents, substances, chemicals, drugs, and materials (not Pharmaceutical/Biological Products)

### Examples

- 116272000 Dietary fiber (substance)
- 52454007 Albumin (substance)

Concepts from the Substance hierarchy are used to represent general substances and chemical constituents of Pharmaceutical / biologic products, which are in a separate hierarchy.

**Editorial guidelines in development**

Editorial guidelines are in development for the Substance hierarchy. There will be iterative documentation spanning multiple international release cycles. Comments will also be solicited from the Project Group. The guidelines will be relocated to the Editorial Guide after they are tested and stable. The current guideline draft is located on the Substance Project Confluence space @ Reference Documentation - Substances.

### Substance concept and causative agent

When creating a new concept that includes a substance in the FSN, where no exact matching substance concept exists, then a new substance concept with an FSN, and a PT matching the FSN, should be created (the terms in the new concept should match the terms used in the FSN and PT of the substance concept selected as the causative agent).

For example,

- 418689008 [Allergy to grass pollen (disorder)] modeled with causative agent, 256277009 [Grass pollen (substance)]