**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

**Related Links**

- Postcoordinated expression
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