

## 6.2 Multiple Focus Concepts

Two or more [concepts](#) may be combined to form a new [concept](#) by joining them with the "+" symbol. This is particularly useful where both concepts are primitive. The resultant [expression](#) is the [child](#) of each of the [concepts](#) in the [expression](#). The resultant [expression](#) below represents a drug dose form that is both a spray and a suspension.

421720008 |Spray dose form| + 7946007 |Drug suspension|

Although not stipulated by the syntax, the two [concepts](#) joined in this way must (in nearly every case) come from the same top level [hierarchy](#). A rare exception to this rule is those expressions which refer to products that are both drugs and devices, and are therefore descendants of both 373873005 |pharmaceutical / biologic product| and 260787004 |physical object|.

The syntax does not mandate which [concepts](#) in the [expression](#) should have associated terms and which should not, so it is valid (although not advisable) to mix and match. For example, the following syntax is valid: 421720008 + 7946007 |Drug suspension|The syntax allows spaces, tabs and carriage returns in most places. The following example has an identical meaning to the one above: 421720008  
+ 7946007 |Drug suspension|