

3. Technical Overview

This section provides an overview of the [components](#) and [derivatives](#) that form part of a [SNOMED CT release](#) as well as several other topics that relate to the use of [SNOMED CT](#) to represent instances of clinical information. It includes an overview of the following topics:

- [3.1. Components](#)
- [3.2. Derivatives](#)
- [3.3. Extensions](#)
- [3.4. Instance Data](#)

The following related topics are explored in more detail in other SNOMED CT guides and specifications:

- [Logical Model of SNOMED CT Components](#)
- [SNOMED CT Release File Specifications](#)
- [Concept Model Overview](#)
- [SNOMED CT Editorial Guide](#)