

precoordinated expression

A [SNOMED CT expression](#) that containing a single [concept identifier](#) that represents an idea.

Notes

- *Precoordinated expressions* combine all aspects of a potentially multifaceted [concept](#) into a single discreet form.
- The syntax used to represent *SNOMED CT expressions* is called the [SNOMED CT compositional grammar](#) and is formally defined in the [Compositional Grammar - Specification and Guide](#).

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](#).

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