

# value set binding

A [terminology binding](#) that represents the set of permitted values that can be used to populate a coded data item.

## Notes

- A *value set binding* can be defined using individual rules. For example concepts that are: in a list of included [concept identifiers](#), members of a specified [reference set](#) or [subtypes](#) of a specified concept.
- [Expression constraints](#) provide a more flexible way to represent *value set bindings* as they are able to represent and combine a range of different rules to determine the set of [concepts](#) or [expressions](#) that are part of a *value set*.

## Example

- The following *expression constraint* defines a *value set* that includes all concepts that represent a [387713003 | surgical procedure](#) defined as using an [37270008 | endoscope](#) for access.

```
<< 387713003 |Surgical procedure (procedure)| :  
425391005 |Using access device (attribute)| = << 37270008 |Endoscope, device (physical object)|
```

## Related Links

- **Glossary**
  - [terminology binding](#)
  - [meaning binding](#)
- **Specifications**
  - [Expression Constraint Language - Specification and Guide](#)