

4.1 Concepts

SNOMED CT concepts represent clinical meanings. Each concept has a permanent concept identifier, which uniquely identifies the clinical meaning. For example:

- 22298006 | myocardial infarction|
- 160341008 | family history: epilepsy|
- 399208008 | plain chest X-ray|
- 319996000 | simvastatin 10mg tablet|

SNOMED CT's concepts, and their logic-based definitions, allow analytics services to perform meaning-based queries, rather than purely lexical (or string-matching) searching.