

6.4. Entering Refinements for Post-Coordinated Expressions

SNOMED CT contains [Concepts](#) that allow many clinical ideas to be represented by a single *Concept identifier*. However, SNOMED CT also allows more specific ideas to be represented even when they cannot be expressed by a single Concept. This is achieved by adding [refinements](#) to a selected [Concept](#) creating a [post-coordinated](#) expression containing several Concept Identifiers.

Several types of post-coordinated data are outlined in this section from the perspective of data entry. These include refinement, qualification and combination. The requirements for and relevance of each of these will depend on decisions about data representation within patient records.