

6.1 Simple Expression

Precoordinated expressions consist of a single [concept](#) identifier, followed optionally by any term that is associated with that [concept](#). While the use of a term is not mandated, it is often preferable to include [preferred term](#) from an appropriate dialect within the expressions to improve the human-readability of the expression. For example: [73211009](#) | [Diabetes mellitus](#) | As mentioned, the syntax does not require a term to be used with each concept identifier, so the following is also a valid [expression](#): [73211009](#) | [diabetes mellitus](#) |