expression refinement

The part of a SNOMED CT expression that applies qualifying details to a focus concept.

Example

- A *spiral fracture of the shaft of humerus* can be represented by an expression in which the concept *fracture of humerus* is made more specific by the addition of a refinements containing attributes that more precisely indicate the location and morphology.

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66308002 |fracture of humerus| :                          Focus concept

  { 363698007 |finding site|  =  20760004 |shaft of humerus| ,        Refinement
    116676008 |associated morphology|  =  73737008 |Fracture, spiral| }      ...
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Alternatives

- **Refinement**

Related Links

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