focus concept

The part of a SNOMED CT expression that represents the primary clinical idea.

Note

- Typically the *focus concept* is a clinical finding, procedure, observable entity. However, it may be a concept from any domain that can be refined in accordance with concept model rules.
- The *focus concept* may have a refinement that provides more detailed information.
- The *focus concept* may be given context by a surrounding context wrapper.

Examples

- The 66308002 | Fracture of humerus| is the *focus concept* in the following three examples:
- Example 1: Focus concept with a refinement that indicates the type and location of the fracture.

66308002 |fracture of humerus| :	Focus concept
{ 363698007 |finding site| = 20760004 |shaft of humerus| , 116676008 |associated morphology| = 73737008 |Fracture, spiral| }	Refinement ...

- Example 2: Focus concept in a context wrapper the fracture of the humerus is past history rather than a current condition.

312850006 |History of disorder (situation)| :	Context wrapper
{ 66308002 |fracture of humerus| }	Focus concept

- Example 3: Focus concept in a context wrapper with a refinement to add more detailed information.

312850006 |History of disorder (situation)| :	Context wrapper
{ 246090004 |Associated finding| = 66308002 |fracture of humerus| :	Focus concept
363698007 |finding site| = 20760004 |shaft of humerus| ,	Refinement
116676008 |associated morphology| = 73737008 |Fracture, spiral| }	...
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