5.3.2.2.3 Linkage Concept Hierarchy

Linkage Concept

Hierarchy	106237007	Linkage concept	
Purpose	This concept is the supertype parent or ancestor of 410662002	Concept model attribute| , 416698001	Link assertion| , etc.
Concept Addition Rules	No new subtype children may be added in an extension See tables below for concept addition rules for the descendants of existing subtype children.

Concept Model Attributes

Hierarchy	410662002	Concept model attribute	
Purpose	These concepts provide the values for Relationship.typeId and represent the type of a defining relationship.
Examples	260686004	Method| 260870009	Priority| 363704007	Procedure site|
Concept Addition Rules	Additional attributes may be added in an extension, where required to support extensions to the SNOMED CT concept model.
Concept Addition Uses Cases	Extending the SNOMED CT concept model to allow sufficient definitions to be applied to concepts that are not sufficiently defined in the International Edition.
Additional Notes	Any attributes created in extensions need to be carefully managed and documented. Extension attributes may also need to be revised or inactivated to align with future changes to the concept model in the International Edition.

Link Assertions

Hierarchy	416698001	Link assertion	
Purpose	These concepts represent clinical assertions about relationships between instances of clinical statement in an EHR. For example, they may assert that a particular symptom is caused by something.
International Edition Examples	417151001	Has explanation| 416271009	Has problem member| 416586004	Has problem name| 416083004	Has reason| 417569004	Has support| 416872009	Is etiology for| 417318003	Is manifestation of|
Concept Addition Rules	Additional subtype children may be added in an extension. However, it is recommended that proposed additions be submitted to the International Edition, unless they are highly specific.
Concept Addition Uses Cases	Requirements to support additional types of assertion in clinical records