attribute group

An association between a set of attribute value pairs that causes them to be considered together within a concept definition or postcoordinated expression.

Notes

- When an *attribute group* is represented as a group of defining relationships it is usually referred to as a *relationship group.*

Example

- | Cholecystectomy with exploration of common duct| has two different attribute groups:
    - | Method| | Exploration - action| *is grouped with* | Procedure site - Direct (attribute)| | Common bile duct structure|
    - | Method| | Excision - action| *is grouped with* | Procedure site - Direct (attribute)| | Gallbladder structure|
- If these attributes were not grouped, this procedure would incorrectly classified as a subtype of | Excision of common bile duct| .

Alternatives

- **Relationship group**
- **Role group**

References

- Relationship Group