

hierarchy

An arrangement of nodes in which each node is linked to one or more parent nodes.

Notes

- In SNOMED CT the nodes are [concepts](#) linked to their more general parent [concepts](#) by [|](#) is a [|](#) [relationships](#).
- [Concepts](#) with the most general meanings are presented at the top of the *hierarchy*, with the concepts linked to them at the level beneath, and so on. At each level down, the meanings of the [concepts](#) are increasingly more specific or specialized.

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