

FHIR Shorthand 1.0 Quick Reference: Syntax



Key to Expression Syntax		
{curly braces}	An item to be substituted	
<angle brackets=""></angle>	Path to an element of given data type	
Italics	An optional item	
Italics	An optional statement	
ellipsis ()	Indicates a pattern that can be repeated	
vertical bar ()	Indicates a choice of items or data types	
bold	Default value	

Notations and Special Values			
code	#{code}		
Coding	{CodeSystem name id url}/{version string}#{code} "{display string}"		
Cardinality	minmax minmax		
Quantity with units	{decimal or integer} '{UCUM code}'		
Comments	// single line comment /* multi-line comment *		
Flags	MS // must support SU // summary, Σ ?! // modifier	TU // trial use N // normative D // draft	
Binding strengths	required extensible preferred example		
Triple quote string	""" {string markdown}"""		
Deferences	Reference({Resource name id url})		
References	Canonical({name id})		

Paths	
Array element	<array element="">[0-based index]</array>
Reference	<reference>[{Resource Profile name id url}]</reference>
Extension	<extension>[{extension name id URL}]</extension>
Sliced array	<array element="">[slice-name][reslice-name]</array>
	^ <element of="" structuredefinition=""></element>
Caret paths	<element in="" profile=""> ^<element corresponding="" elementdefinition="" in=""></element></element>

Slicing Rubric

- * <array-path> ^slicing.discriminator.type = {#pattern|#value| #type|#profile|#exists}
- * <array-path> ^slicing.discriminator.path = {FHIRPath string}
- * <array-path> ^slicing.rules = {**#open**|#closed|#openAtEnd}
- * <array-path> ^slicing.ordered = true | false
- * <array-path> ^slicing.description = {string}

Item	Keywords	
Alias	Alias: {alias name} = {uri urn:oid} // alias name may begin with \$	
Extension	Extension: {name} Parent: {Extension name id url} Id: {id} Title: {string} Description: {string or markdown}	
Instance	Instance: {id} InstanceOf: {Resource Profile name id url} Usage: {#example #definition #inline} Title: {string} Description: {string or markdown}	
Invariant	Invariant: {id} Severity: {#error #warning} Description: {string markdown} Expression: {FHIRPath string} XPath: {XPath expression string}	
Mapping	Mapping: {id} Source: {Profile name id} Target: {Target specification uri} Id: {Target specification id} Title: {Target description string} Description: {string}	
Profile	Profile: {name} Parent: {Resource Profile name id url} Id: {id} Title: {string} Description: {string or markdown}	
RuleSet	RuleSet: {name}	
Value Set and Code System	ValueSet: {name} or CodeSystem: {name} Id: {id} Title: {string} Description: {string or markdown}	

Code System Rules

Define local code * {code} "{display string}" "{definition string}"

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Rules			
Assignment	* <element> = {value} (exactly)</element>		
Binding	* <bindable> from {ValueSet name id url} ({strength})</bindable>		
Cardinality	* <element> {cardinality}</element>		
Contains (inline extensions)	* <extension> contains {name1} {cardinality1} {flags1} and {name2} {cardinality2} {flags2} and {name3} {cardinality3} {flags3}</extension>		
Contains (standalone extensions)	* <extension> contains {Extension1 name id url} named {name1} {cardinality1} {flags1} and {Extension2 name id url} named {name2} {cardinality2} {flags2} and {Extension3 name id url} named {name3} {cardinality3} {flags3}</extension>		
Contains (slicing)	* <array> contains {name1} {cardinality1} {flags1} and {name2} {cardinality2} {flags2} and {name3} {cardinality3} {flags3}</array>		
Flag	* <element1> and <element2> and <element3> {flag1} {flag2} {flag3}</element3></element2></element1>		
Insert	* insert {RuleSet name}		
Mapping	* <element> -> "{map string}" "{comment string}" #{mime-type code}</element>		
Obeys	* <element> obeys {Invariant1 id} and {Invariant2 id}</element>		
Туре	* <element> only {datatype1} or {datatype2} or {datatype3}</element>		
	* <element> only Reference({ResourceType1 name id url} or {ResourceType2 name id url} or {ResourceType3 name id url})</element>		

Value Set Rules		
Include single code	* include {Coding}	
Exclude single code	* exclude {Coding}	
Include entire code system	* include codes from system {CodeSystem name id url}	
Include from value set	* include codes from valueset {ValueSet name id url}	
Exclude from value set	* exclude codes from valueset {ValueSet name id url}	
Filter syntax: {property} {filter-operator} {value}		
Include codes	* include codes from system (CodeSystem	

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Include codes with filtering	* include codes from system {CodeSystem name id url} where {filter1} and {filter2} and	
Exclude codes with filtering	* exclude codes from system {CodeSystem name id url} where {filter1} and {filter2} and	

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Notations and Special Values		
code	#confirmed	
Coding and CodeableConcept	http://snomed.info/sct#363346000 "Malignant neoplastic disease (disorder)"	
CodeableConcept	ICD10CM#C004	
Cardinality	01 11 2* (two-sided) 1 1 2 (one-sided)	
	// end of line or single line	
Comments	/* This comment continues over multiple lines */	
References	Reference(Patient) Reference(Patient or Practitioner) Canonical(MyPatient)	

Paths		
Nested element	stage.assessment	
Array element	name[0].given[1]	
Choice [x] element	valueQuantity, valueReference	
Reference choices	performer[Organization]	
Extensions	extension[terminationReason]	
	extension[http://hl7.org/fhir/ StructureDefinition/location-distance]	
Sliced arrays	component[DiastolicPressure]	
Resliced arrays	component[RespiratoryScore][OneMinute]	
StructureDefinition	^abstract	
escape (caret syntax)	component[VariationCode] ^short	

Slicing Rubric

- * component ^slicing.discriminator.type = #pattern
- * component ^slicing.discriminator.path = "code"
- * component ^slicing.rules = #open
- * component ^slicing.ordered = false
- * component ^slicing.description = "Slice on component.code"

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Item	Keywords	
Alias	Alias: UCUM = http://unitsofmeasure.org	
	Alias: race = urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.6.238	
	Alias: \$GenderIdentity = http://hl7.org/fhir/ StructureDefinition/patient-genderIdentity	
Code system	CodeSystem: AJCC_FairUse Title: "AJCC Fair Use" Description: "A small subset of AJCC staging codes used for IG examples."	
Extension	Extension: TreatmentTerminationReason Id: treatment-termination-reason Title: "Treatment Termination Reason" Description: "Reason for stopping a treatment."	
Instance	Instance: TumorMarkerExample01 InstanceOf: TumorMarker Usage: #example Description: "Epidermal growth factor example."	
Invariant	Invariant: us-core-8 Description: "Patient.name.given or Patient.name.family or both SHALL be present" Expression: "family.exists() or given.exists()" Severity: #error XPath: "f:given or f:family"	
Mapping	Mapping: USCancerPatientToArgonaut Source: USCancerPatient Target: "http://unknown.org/Argonaut-DQ-DSTU2" Id: argonaut-dq-dstu2 Title: "Argonaut DSTU2"	
Profile	Profile: USCancerPatient Parent: USCorePatientProfile Id: mcode-cancer-patient Title: "Cancer Patient" Description: "A patient diagnosed with cancer"	
Rule set	RuleSet: ExperimentalProfileRules	
Value set	ValueSet: AnatomicalOrientationVS Title: "Anatomical Orientation Value Set" Description: "Values for anatomical orientation."	

Code System Rule

Local code * #NED "No Evidence of Disease" "No physical definition evidence of disease on exam or imaging tests."

Rules		
Assignment	* status = #arrived * code = SCT#18165001 "Jaundice (finding)" * onsetDateTime = "2019-04-02" * subject = Reference(EveAnyperson) * valueQuantity = 2.5 'mm' * valueQuantity = UCUM#mm "millimeters"	
Binding	* bodySite from CancerBodyLocationVS (preferred) * valueCodeableConcept from http://loinc.org/vs/LL1971-2 (required) * valueQuantity from LengthUnitsVS (extensible)	
Cardinality	* severity 00 * subject 1	
Contains (inline extension)	* extension contains treatmentIntent 01 MS and terminationReason 0* MS	
Contains (standalone extension)	* extension contains \$GenderIdentity named genderIdentity 01 MS and http://hI7.org/fhir/StructureDefinition/patient-disability named disability 01 MS	
Contains (slicing)	* component contains GeneStudied 0* MS and VariationCode 0* and GenomicDNAChange 01	
Flag	* deceased[x] MS ?! SU * reasonCode and extension[terminationReason] MS	
Insert	* insert USCoreTerminologyRuleSet	
Mapping	* -> "Patient" * identifier.system -> "Patient.identifier.system"	
Obeys	* obeys us-core-6 and us-core-9 * name obeys us-core-8	
Туре	* value[x] only CodeableConcept * effective[x] only dateTime or Period * subject only Reference(CancerPatient) * asserter only Reference(Practitioner or Patient)	

Value Set Rules		
Single code		* SCT#54102005 "G1 grade (finding)"
Exclude single code		* exclude SCT#12619005
All codes in system		* include codes from system HGVS
Filter Rules for SNOMED-CT (assumes code system aliased as 'SCT')		
Subsumption	* include codes from system SCT where concept is- a #123037004 "Body Structure"	
Exclude subsumption	* exclude codes from system SCT where concept is-a #128462008 "Secondary malignant neoplastic disease (disorder)"	

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