

Ontology of Sensors: Some Examples from Biology

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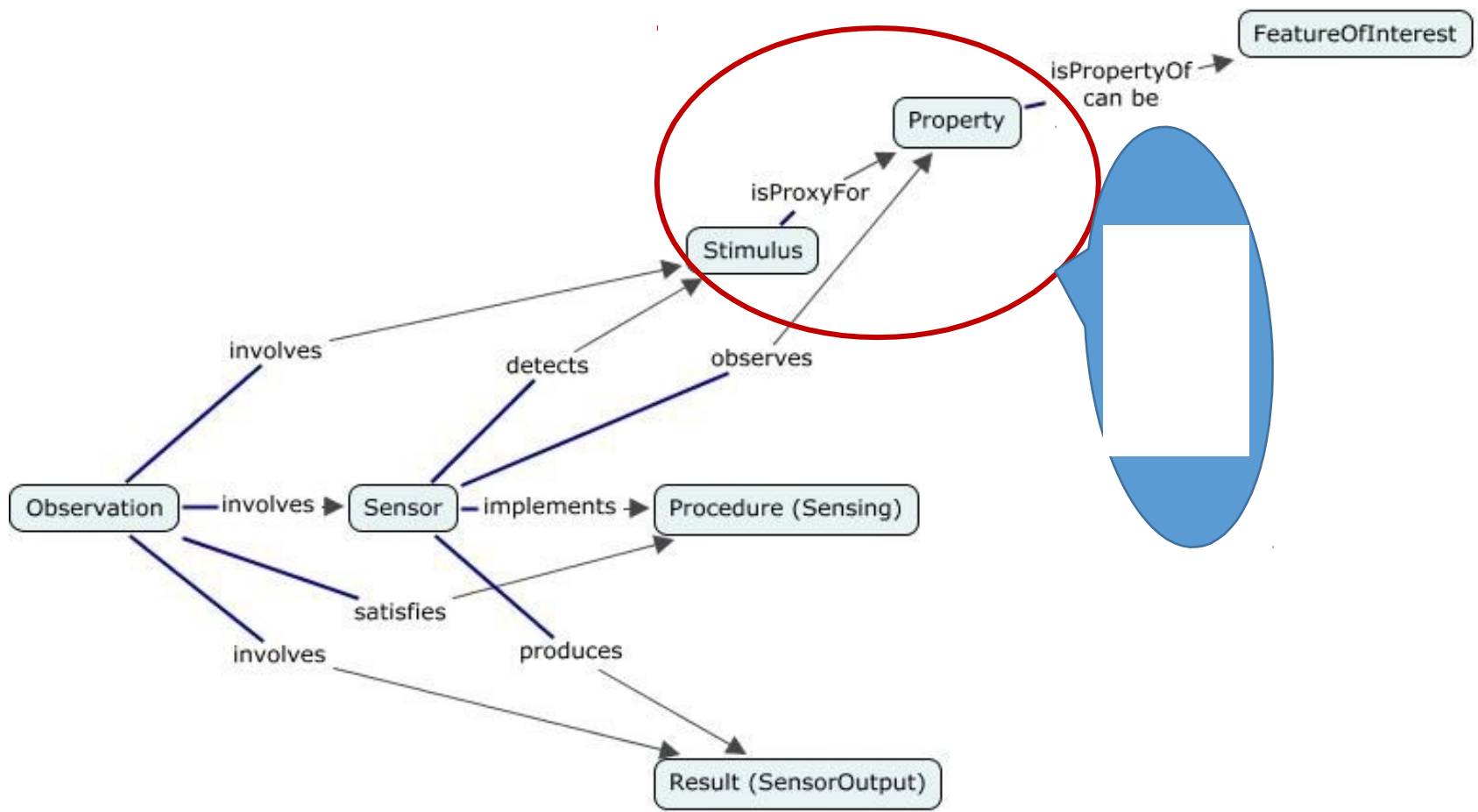
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An Introduction to "Beyond Semantic Sensor Network Ontologies (SSNO)"

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The *Stimulus-Sensor-Observation* Ontology Design Pattern



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Semantic Sensor Network

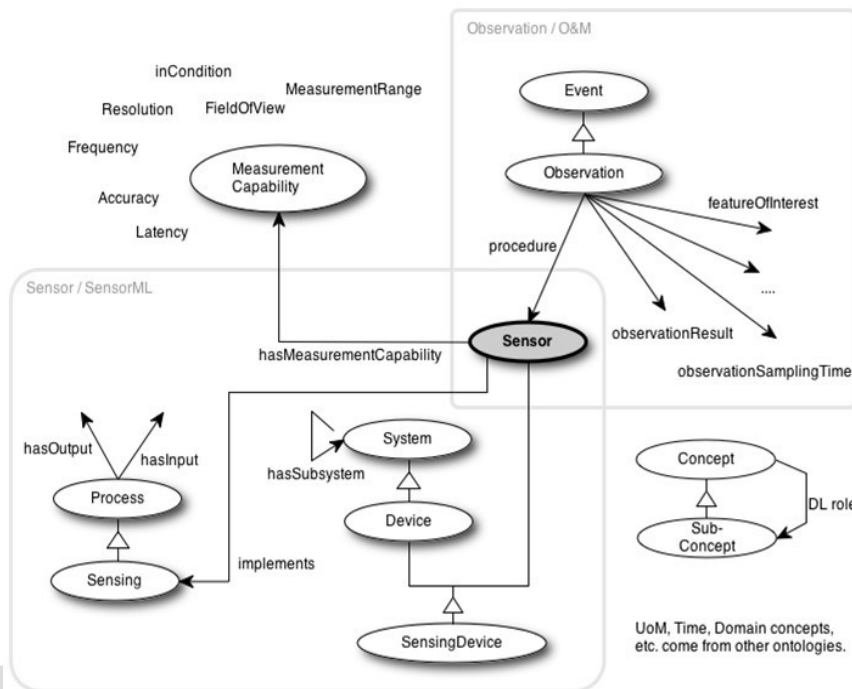
Ontology:

Past, Present, and Future

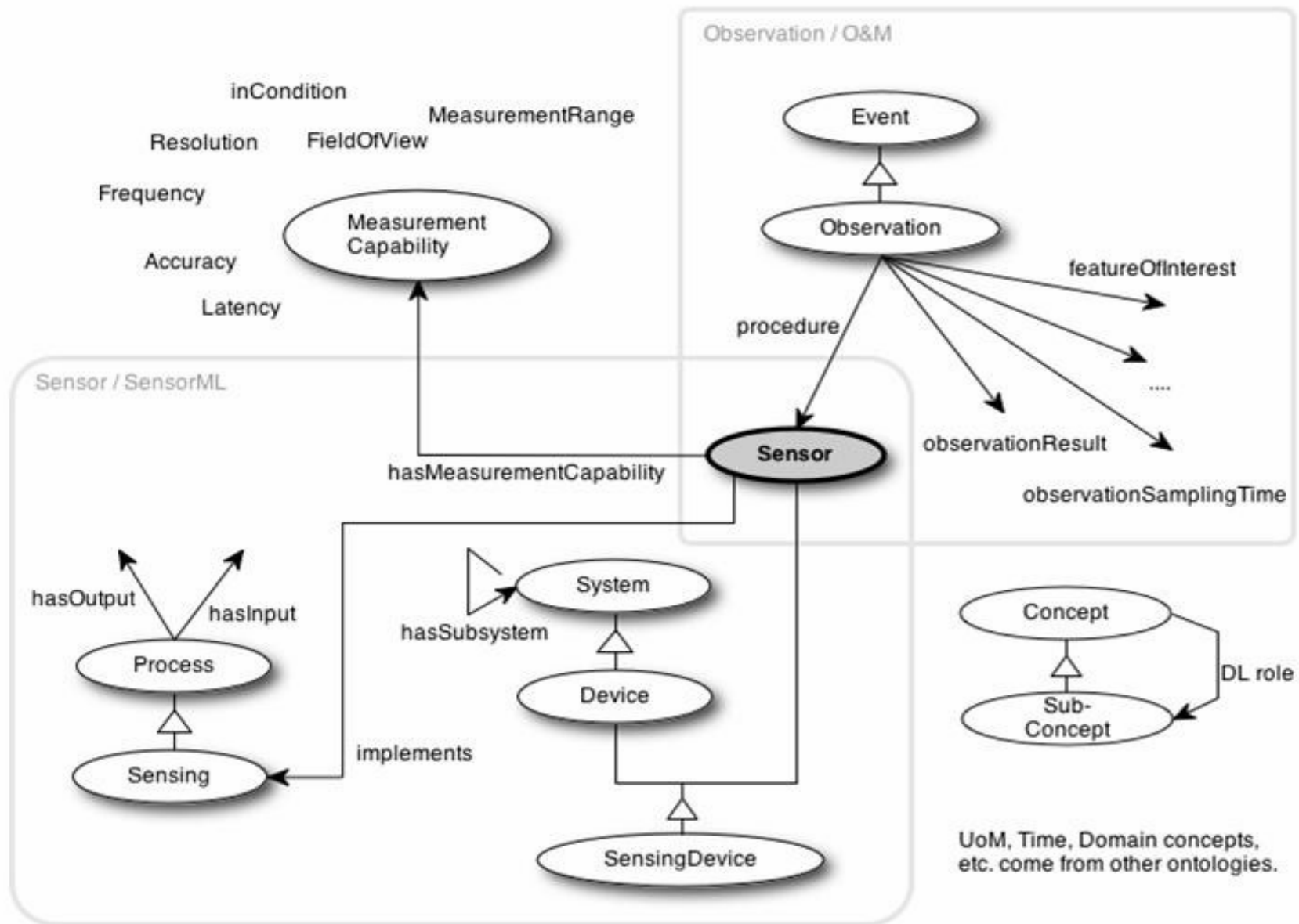
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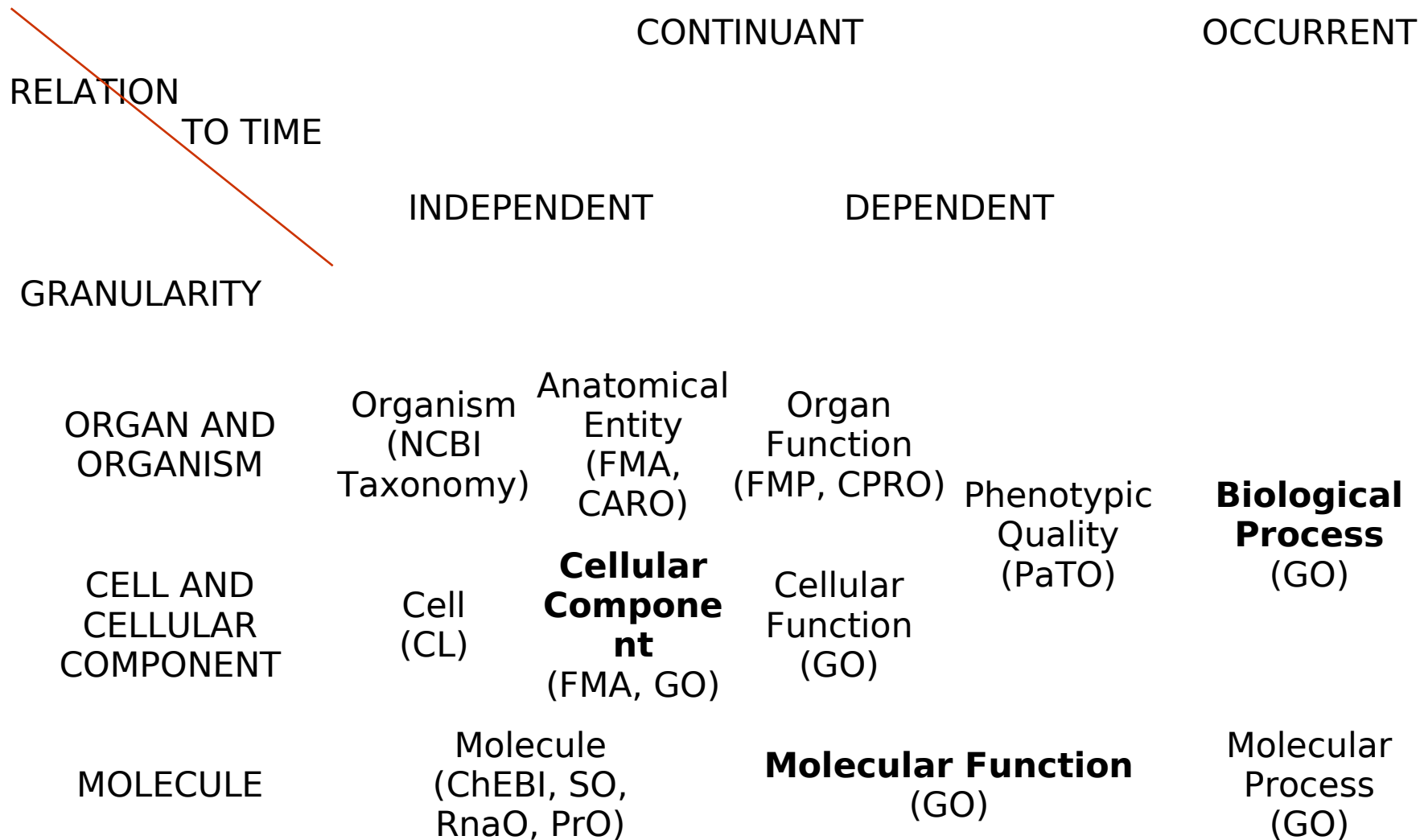
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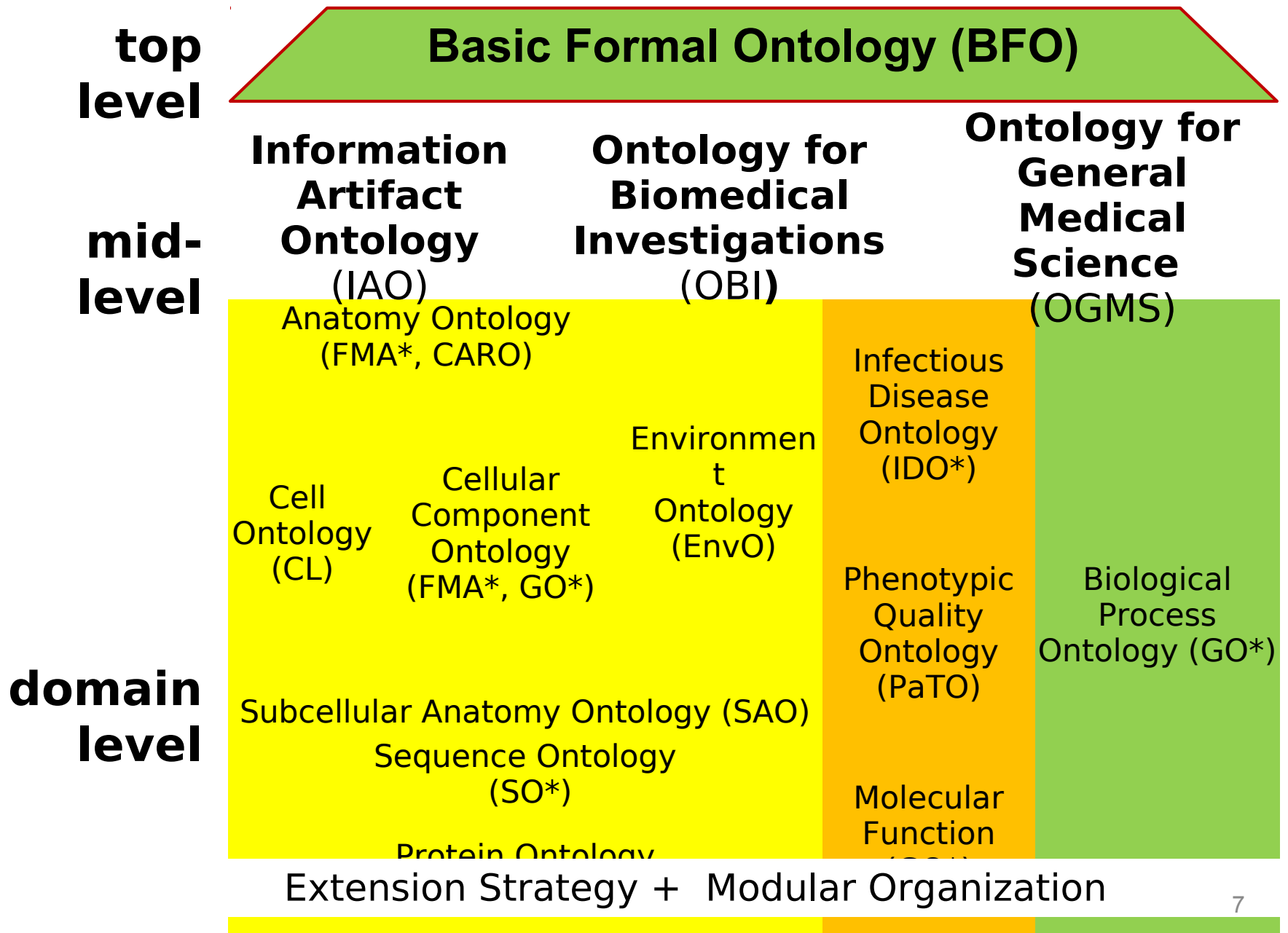
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Also adding:
 physical properties, power use, connectors, lifetime, etc (of devices/systems)
 mobility, availability, operational ranges, calibration, ...



Open Biological and Biomedical Ontologies (OBO)
 Foundry (<http://obofoundry.org>)



top level

Basic Formal Ontology (BFO)

**mid-level
(generic
hub)**

Information Artifact Ontology (IAO)

IAO-Science

IAO-Intel

IAO-Computing

**domain
level
(spokes
populating
downward
ds)**

**IAO-
Biolog
y** **IAO-
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**IAO-
Intel-
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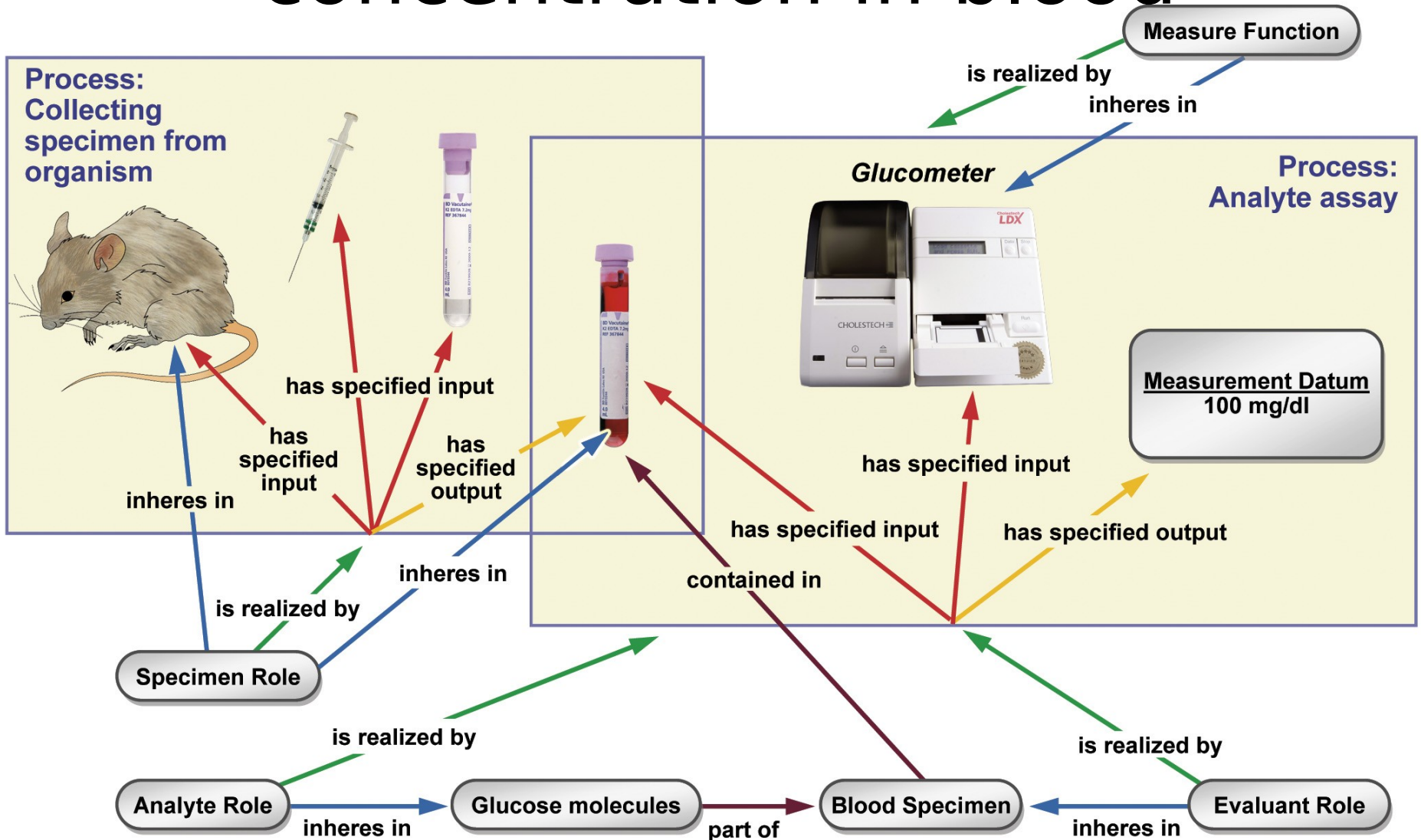
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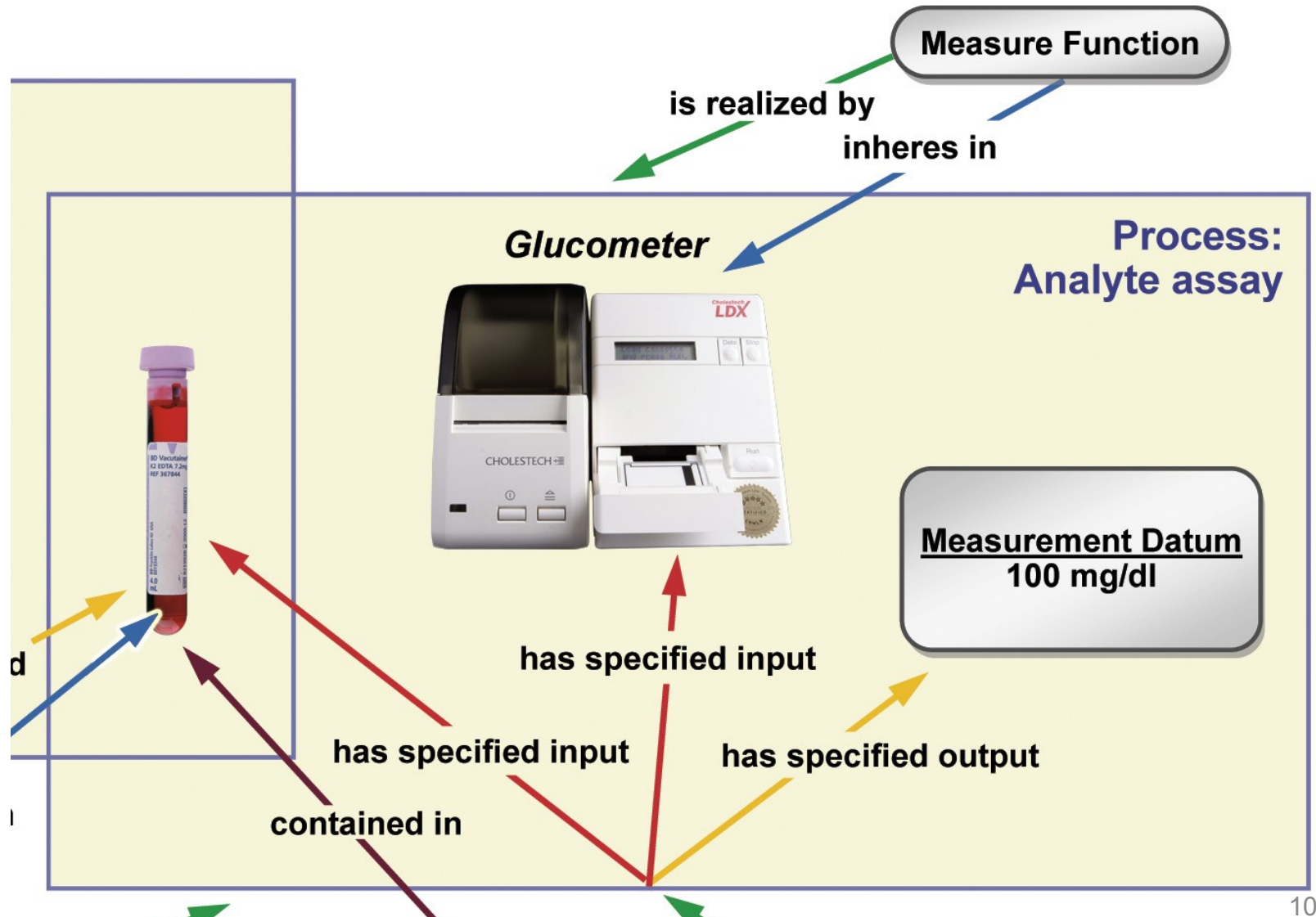
**EMO-
Email
Ontology**

Each module built by downward population from its parent

Measuring the glucose concentration in blood



Ontology for Biomedical Investigations





PROCEEDINGS

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Modeling biomedical experimental processes with OBI

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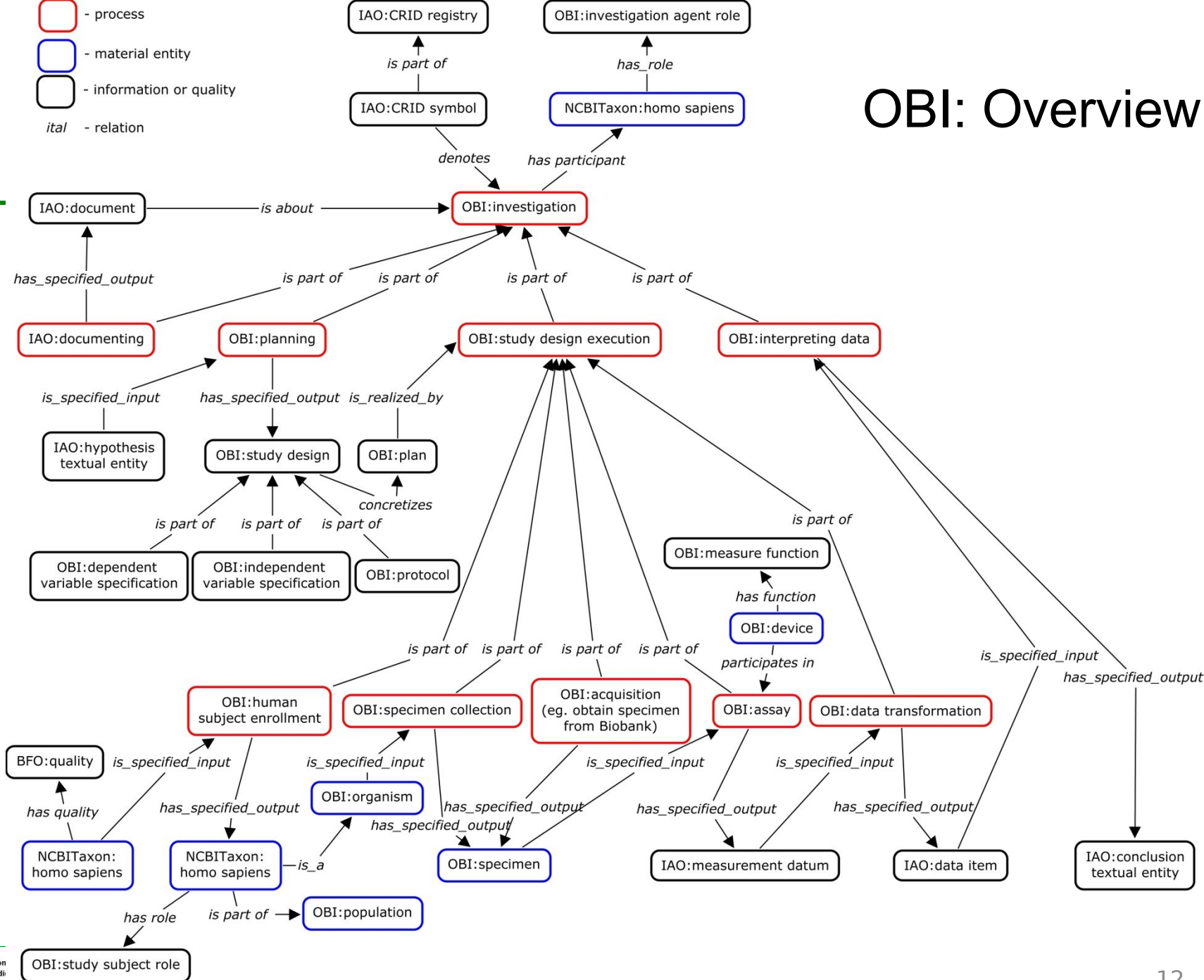
Abstract

Background: Experimental descriptions are typically stored as free text without using standardized terminology, creating challenges in comparison, reproduction and

<http://www.jbiomedsem.com/content/1/S1/S7>

- process
- material entity
- information or quality
- ital* - relation

OBI: Overview

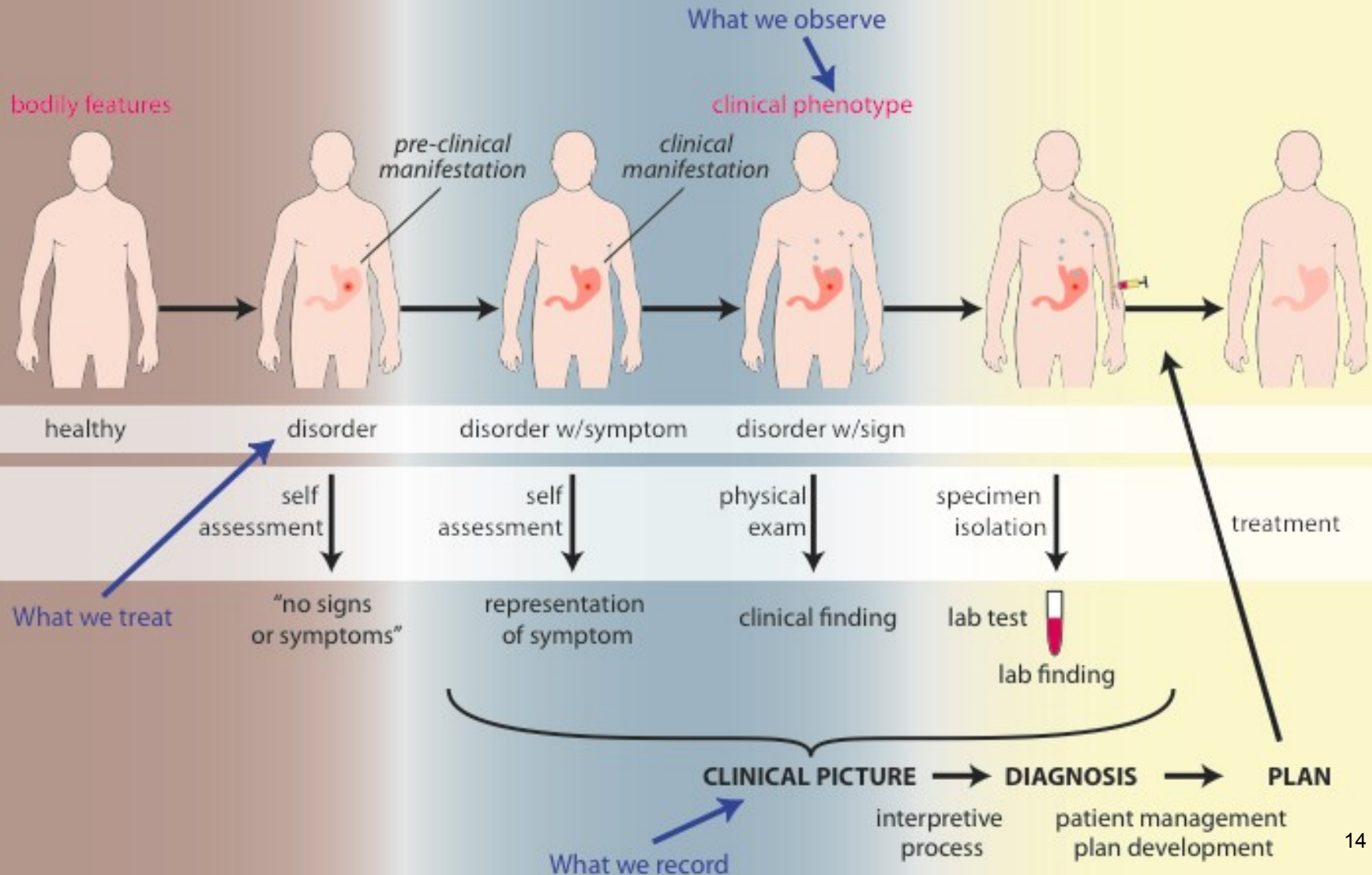


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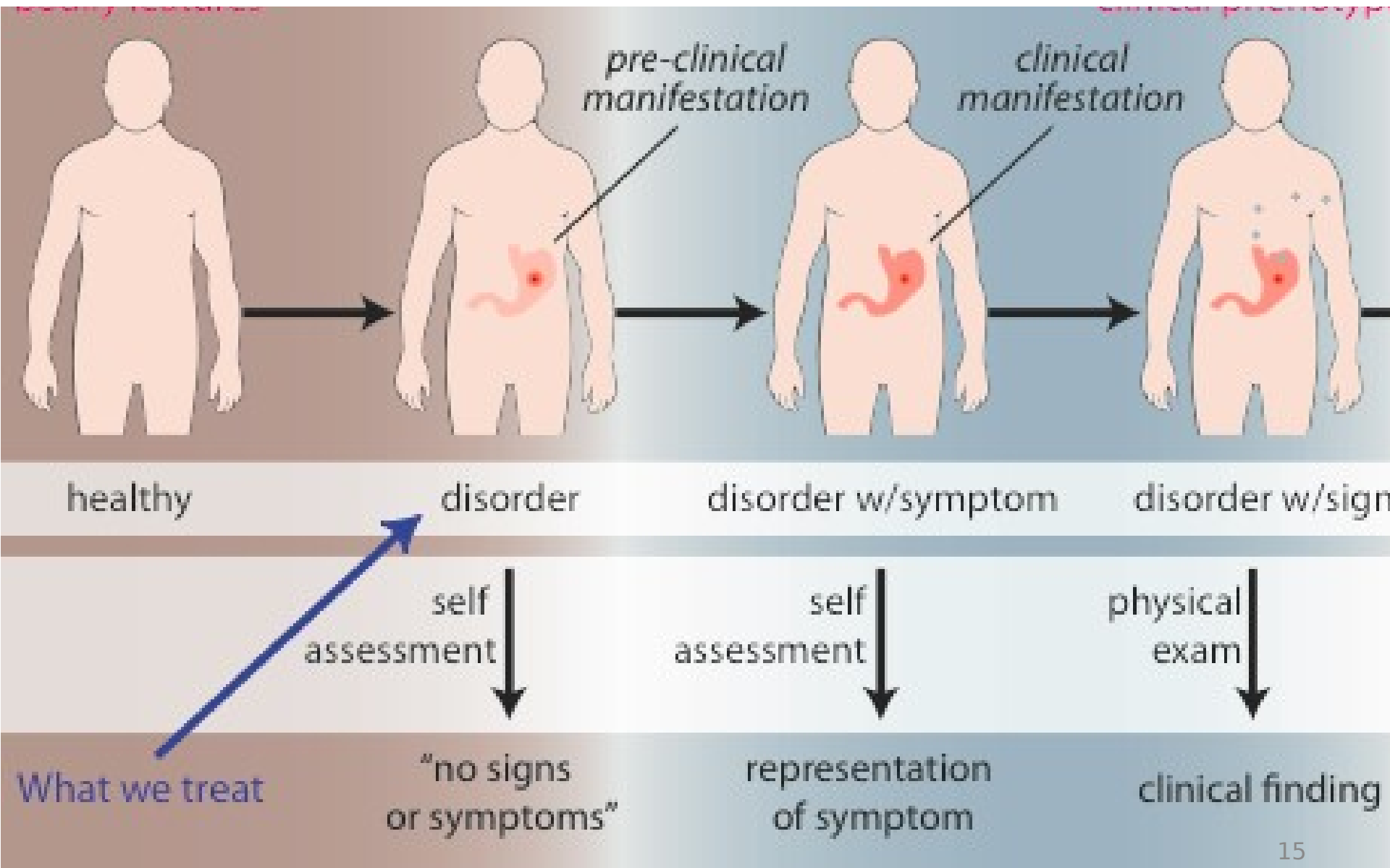
Ontology for General Medical Science,

<http://code.google.com/p/ogms/>

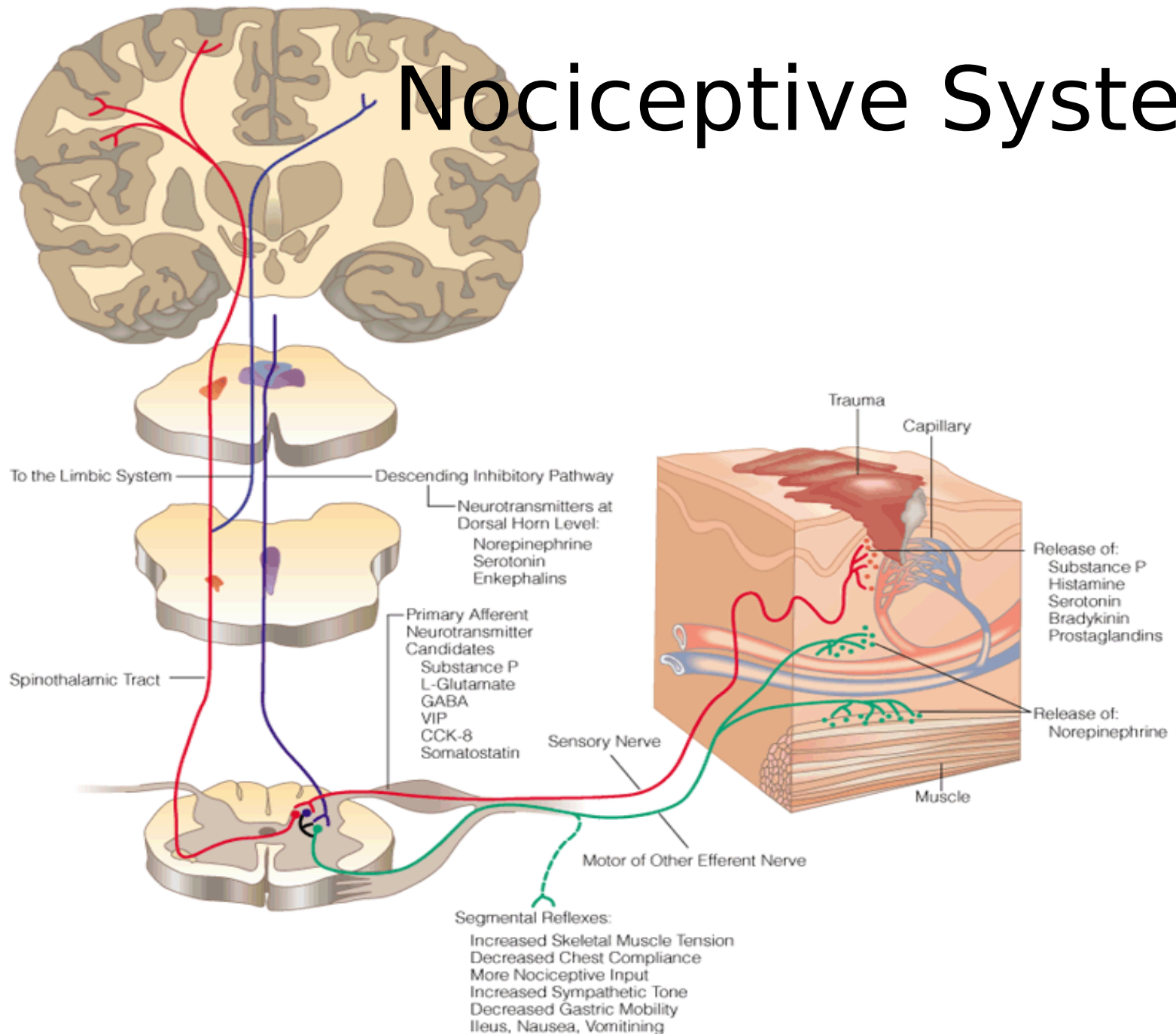
Disease Course



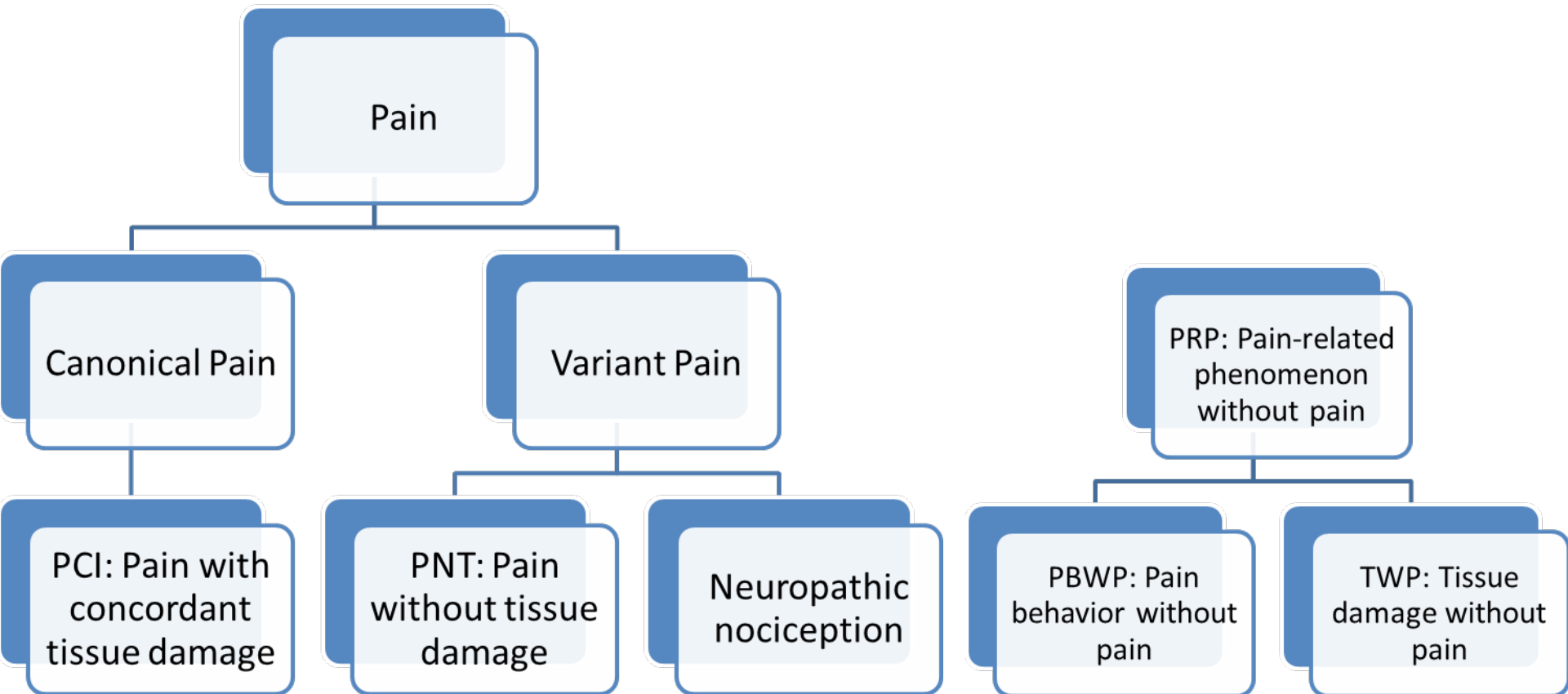
Big Picture



Nociceptive System

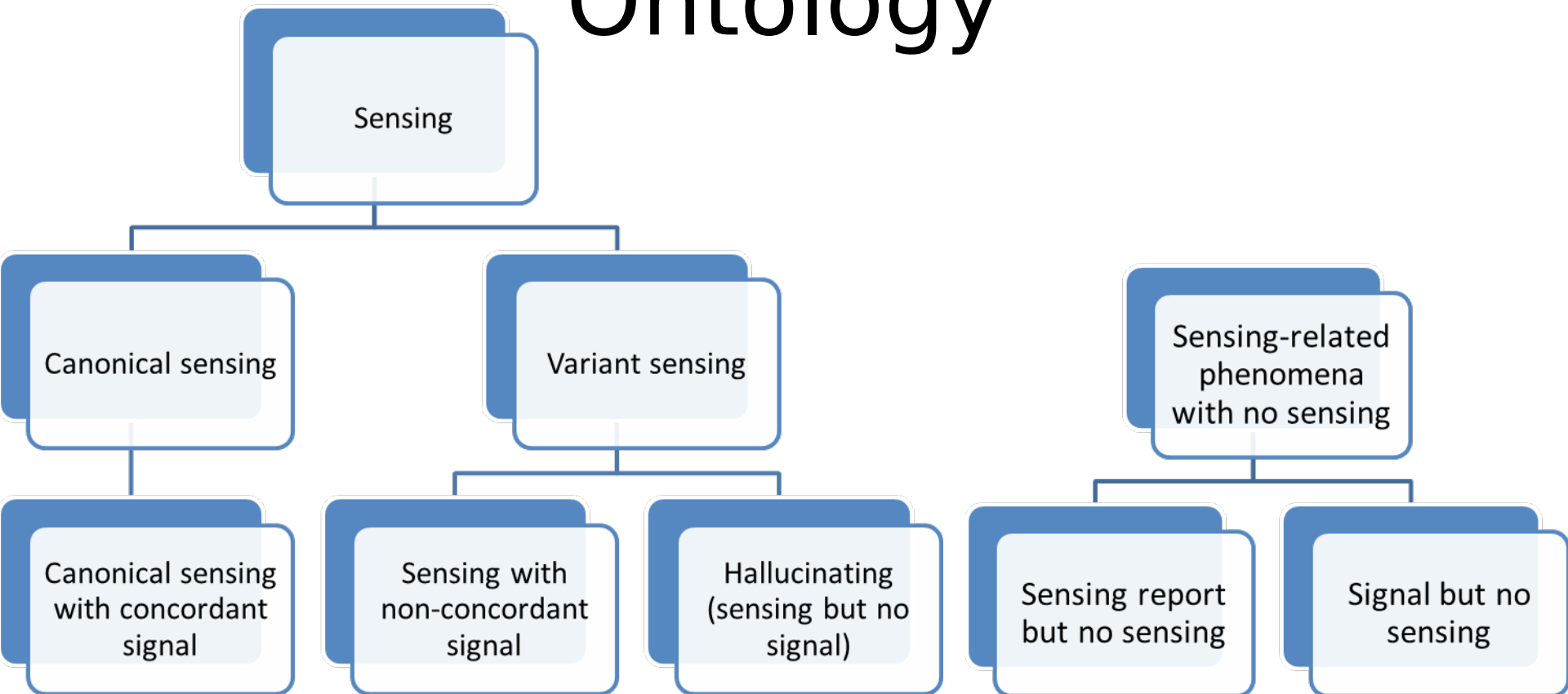


Pain Ontology

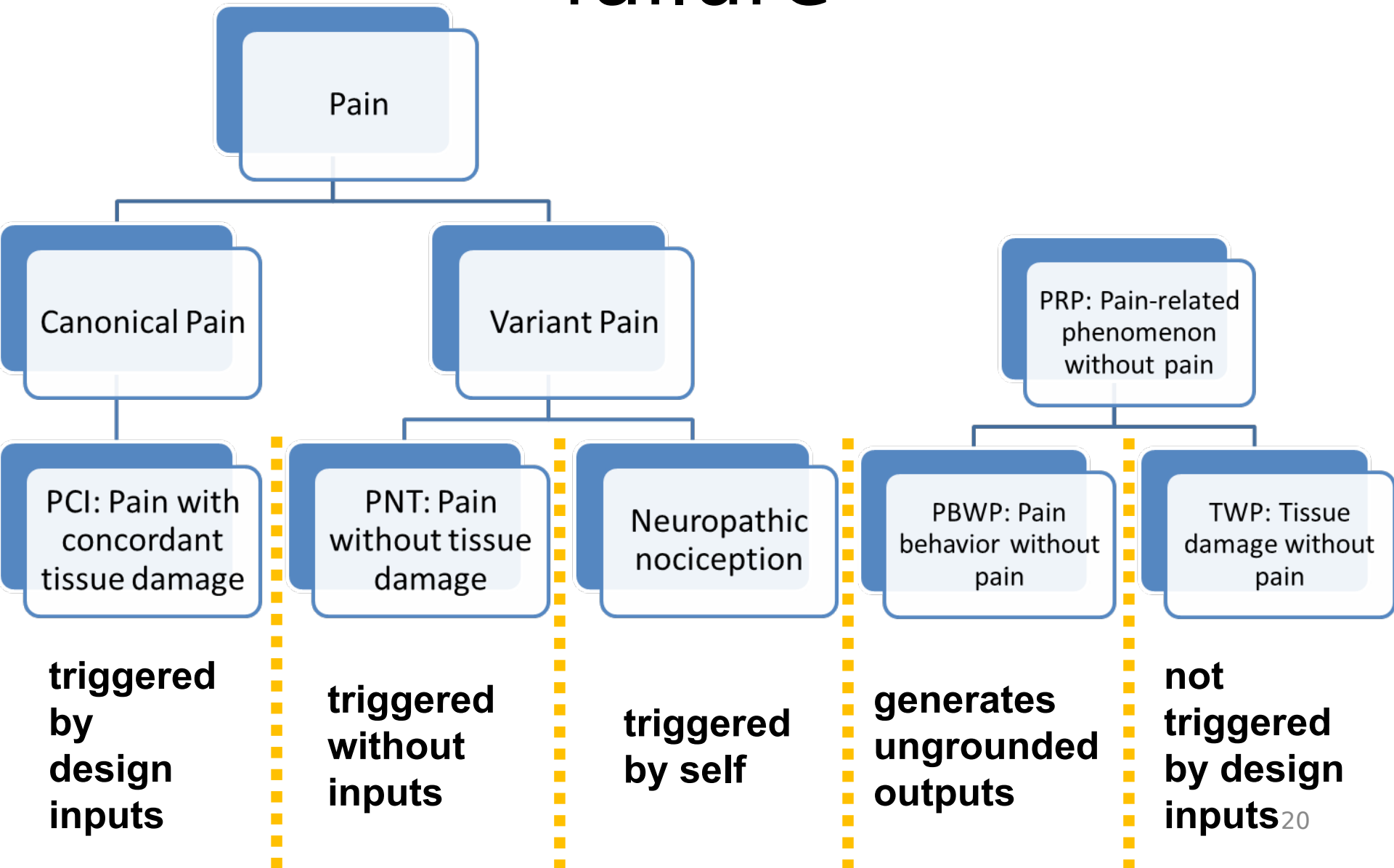


Symptoms		Signs	Physical Basis	Examples
Canonical Pain				
PCT: Pain with concordant tissue damage	Pain	Manifestation of tissue damage Signals sent to nociceptive system Activation of emotion- generating brain centers, which can produce increased heart rate, blood pressure, galvanic skin response.	Peripheral tissue damage Intact nociceptive system	Primary sunburn Pain from strained muscle Pain from fracture Pulpitis
Variant Pain				
PNT: pain without concordant tissue damage	Pain	Manifestation of some disorder in the patient Signals sent to nociceptive system Patient reports of pain are either exaggerated or muted relative to disorder Activation of emotion generating brain centers	Physical disorder of amplitude control mechanisms associated with the nociceptive system Intact nociceptive system	Myofascial pain disorder Tension-type headache Chronic back pain
NN: neuro-pathic nociception	Pain	Neurological test confirming nerve damage	Disorder in the nociceptive system	Trigeminal neuralgia Post-herpetic neuralgia Diabetic neuropathy Central pain
PRP: Pain-Related Phenomena Without Pain				
PBWP: pain behavior without pain	Aaargh!	Report of pain Sick role behaviors accompanied by normal clinical examination Grossly exaggerated pain behaviors Identified external incentives	Mental states such as anxiety, rather than peripheral tissue locus Disordered emotional or cognitive systems misinterpreting sensory signals	Factitious pain Malingering Anxiety-induced pain report
TWP: tissue-damage without pain	No pain	Manifestation of tissue damage normally of the sort to cause pain	Suppression of pain system by one or other mechanism	Stress associated with sudden emergencies Physiological damping of the pain process caused by endorphins Placebo-induced opioid analgesia Genetic insensitivity to pain

The Pain Ontology as subtype of Sensing Ontology



Four types of (pain) sensor failure



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Foundations for a realist ontology of mental disease

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