

## Features and Derived Features

**Features** are high-level concepts that you can define (with rules) to aggregate concepts that will be common to many case types. Further use of these concepts makes subsequent rule building easier. A feature can be used as a condition in rules that add comments to the interpretive report. The feature itself does not appear in the report.

There are several advantages to using features:

- Conditions using features may be more intelligible than using more complex expressions involving attributes
- A feature may be defined as a shorthand way of expressing a pair (or more) of conditions that often are used together
- A feature is easy to find and re-use in different rules
- The same feature may be defined in more than one way

**Derived Features** are defined and used in exactly the same way as features, except that derived features may be defined using features. That is, a derived feature can be considered as a higher-level feature.

Any features or derived features given for the case are shown in their own window on the main screen. You can see the definition of a feature by placing your mouse cursor over the feature, or by selecting it and using the right-click menu Show conditions.