



# AccessAPN User Guide

## About This Guide

The **AccessAPN** User Guide provides users with a detailed roadmap for using and engaging with the resources in the site. This guide describes AccessAPN and what content can be attained in the site, as well as details how to create and use an Access profile. Also, the guide outlines unique and foundational content across the book's library, quick reference items, cases and review questions.

Coupled with the AccessAPN support page on the Access User Center and the AccessAPN LibGuide, this user guide will provide users with the needed information for effectively deploying the resources in AccessAPN for academics, research, and clinical practice.

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## About AccessAPN

### What Is AccessAPN?

**AccessAPN** is a comprehensive online resource dedicated to the education of advanced practice nursing students, from McGraw Hill in partnership with Sigma Theta Tau.

**AccessAPN** features a wide range of content that aligns perfectly with the curricula of Advanced Practice Nursing programs, including those for Nursing Practitioners, Clinical Nurse Specialists, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists, Certified Nurse Midwives, and Doctors of Nursing Practice.

### Access Profile

#### Unlock a Higher Level of Productivity with an Access Profile

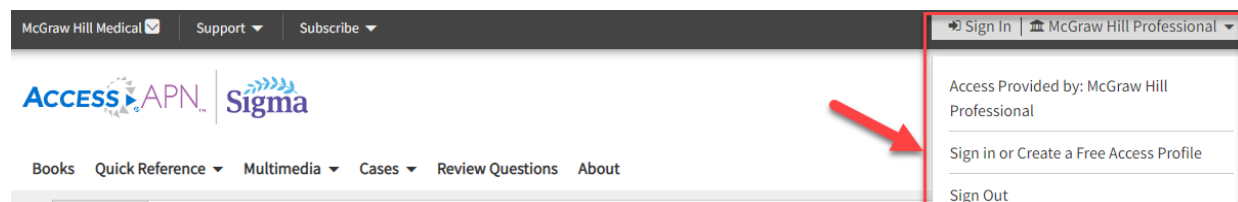
Users create and use their personal **Access Profile** to unlock key features:

- Work through challenging patient cases
- Create and take quizzes for board review and self-assessment
- Connect remotely off-site through VPN authentication
- Bookmark favorite content such as videos, images, tables, and chapters to view later
- Organize important content in folders
- Browse recently viewed content
- Receive alerts about important new content additions
- Download multiple images to PowerPoint with citations and references automatically populated

#### How to Set Up Your Access Profile in 3 Easy Steps

- Go to <https://mhmedical.com/umbrella-index.aspx> or navigate to any Access product homepage. You must be on-site at your institution or organization when first creating your Access Profile.
- Click on your institution's or organization's name in the upper right-hand corner of any page. Once there, click on "Sign in or Create a Free Access Profile."
- In the pop-up window, click "Create a Free Access Profile."

**Watch this tutorial** on the **Access User Center** to learn more about the **Access Profile**.



#### Helpful Tip

To keep your Access Profile active, you must sign into your profile every 90 days while either on-site or through your institution's or organization's VPN or proxy server.

## Homepage

### Check Out the Homepage

Streamlined navigation organized into tiles:

- Access profile snapshot
- News and updates related to **AccessAPN** on the homepage, including newly released textbooks
- Quick links to featured content on AccessAPN like “AACN Essentials of Progressive Care Nursing”
- Popular and currently high traffic chapters



My Recently Viewed

Abdominal Pain

Patient Education Handouts

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★ My Latest Favorites

Diabetes Mellitus

Abdominal Pain

Medication Safety > KEY CONCEPTS

Diabetes Mellitus & Pregnancy: Gestational & Overt

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New on AccessAPN

Kaneez R. Odgers  
Shantha Franks  
Mary DiGiulio

Popular Chapters on AccessAPN

Chapter 48: Pregnancy and Lactation: Therapeutic Considerations  
Pharmacotherapy Principles & Practice, 6e

Chapter 2: Pediatrics Pharmacotherapy  
Pharmacotherapy Principles & Practice, 6e

Appendix D: Hierarchy of Evidence Guide  
Johns Hopkins Evidence-Based Practice for Nurses and Healthcare Professionals Model and Guidelines, 4e

Chapter 5: Airway and Ventilatory Management  
AACN Essentials of Critical Care Nursing, 4e

Chapter 10: Respiratory System  
AACN Essentials of Critical Care Nursing, 4e

## Searching

The search feature in **AccessAPN** is simple and easy to use. You can learn more about the search feature by [watching this tutorial](#) on the **Access User Center**.

### Search Box

In **AccessAPN**, you can search for resources across all content types:

- Auto-suggest appears as you type (can be disabled)
- You can "phrase search" using quotations
- Get the same search results by combining terms together or by using **AND**
  - e.g., *respiratory failure symptoms = respiratory failure AND symptoms*

You can also search for a particular textbook by title, author or ISBN.

### Search Builder

To the left of your search results, search builder allows you to:

- Focus the search by modifying your terms (keyword, title, author, ISBN)
- Filter results by format (chapters, tables, cases, images, etc.)
- Select textbooks to see results by specific titles
- Narrow results by topics

### Federated Search

A federated search expands your results from **AccessAPN** to include results from other McGraw Hill Access Medical sites:

- Click the "Search ... across all McGraw Hill Medical Sites" to run a federated search
- Search builder elements above apply
- Green dot indicates the item is available in your subscription

The screenshot displays the search interface for 'respiratory failure'. At the top, a search bar contains the keyword 'respiratory failure' and an 'About Search' link. Below the search bar, it shows '1-20 of 267 Search Results for respiratory failure'. A link is provided to 'Search respiratory failure across all McGraw Hill Medical sites >'. On the left, a 'Modify Search' sidebar is visible, containing sections for 'Filter Results' (with options for Book Chapter, Tables, Case, and Images), 'SELECT TEXTBOOKS', and 'TOPICS'. The main search results area shows three book chapters from AACN textbooks, each with a green star icon indicating availability in the subscription. The results include titles like 'Respiratory System > Acute Respiratory Failure' and 'Respiratory System > Principles of Management for Acute Respiratory Failure'.

## Books Library

In the Books tab in **AccessAPN**, you will find some of the leading current, authoritative text resources organized into categories in the left-hand sidebar, including critical care, evidence-based practice, leadership, informatics and many other topics.

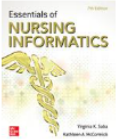
**Check out the Library at this link**

- [Complete Full-Text Library](#)

**Books Library (continued)**

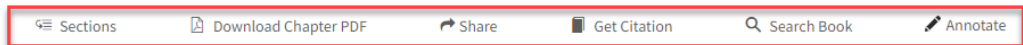
**Chapter Task Bar**

- Each chapter in **AccessAPN** texts features a **Chapter Task Bar** with user output functions, including skipping to chapter sections, downloading as PDF, sharing, generating citations, searching within, and adding notes. [Watch this tutorial](#) on the **Access User Center** to learn more about the Chapter Task Bar.



**Chapter 1: Historical Perspectives of Nursing Informatics**

Virginia K. Saba; Bonnie L. Westra; Juliana J. Brixey



**Text to Speech Tool**

- Each chapter section of every text in **AccessAPN** includes a **Text-to-Speech Tool** indicated with the icon tool below. Users can adjust the tool's settings under the menu to the left, including highlighting levels, text coloring, reading speed, etc.

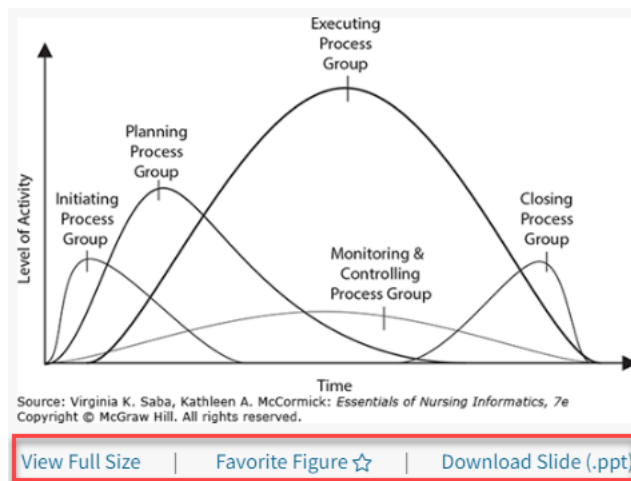


**Notetaking Tool**

- Hypothes.is** annotation tool allows users to take and share digital notes in each text on **AccessAPN**. [View this User Guide](#) on the **Access User Center** to learn more about Hypothes.is.

**How to Download Content**

- In **AccessAPN**, figures and tables can be downloaded (figures as PowerPoint slides with full citation attribution and tables as PDFs), viewed enlarged and in context within the text, and saved to your favorites in MyAccess profile.
- [View this guide](#) on the **Access User Center** to learn more about downloading figured and tables.

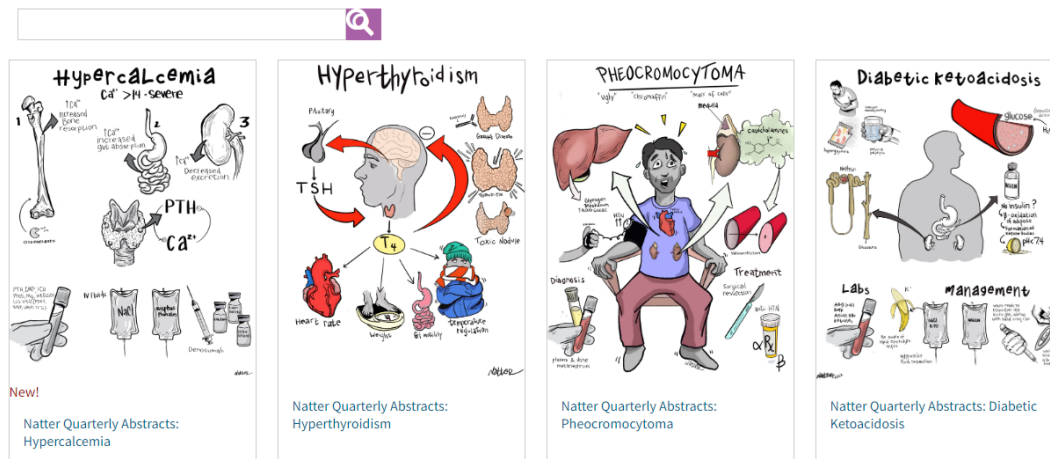


## Quick Reference

### Natter Quarterly Abstracts

- Mike Natter has large social media following and recognized expert in field of endocrinology. [Natter Quarterly Abstracts](#) are based on Natter Quarterly videos and animations found on **AccessAPN** under the "Multimedia" tab in the site. The two resources complement one another. Abstracts can be downloaded, shared, saved, and annotated.

#### Natter Quarterly Abstracts



## Multimedia

### Electrocardiogram (ECG)

- AccessAPN** offers users a variety of videos and animations on [Electrocardiogram \(ECG\)](#) including:
  - Physiology, Leads, Waves, & The Nervous System
  - Rate, Rhythm, Premature Beats, and Pauses
  - Tachyarrhythmias, Flutter, & Fibrillation
  - Blocks
  - Axis, Precordial Leads, & Hypertrophy
  - Infarction, Hemiblocks, Fascicular Blocks, & External Influences
  - EKG Interpretation "System" & Practice EKGs

### Natter Quarterly

- Mike Natter has large social media following and recognized expert in field of endocrinology. [Natter Quarterly](#) collection of 5–10-minute videos is accompanied with Natter's Quarterly Visual Abstracts on **AccessAPN** found under the "Quick Reference" tab in the site. Each video tackles a complex topic in medicine that APNs face regularly in practice and directs users to a downloadable abstract for their review and notes.

Cases

The **Cases** tab in **AccessAPN** provide materials for short, targeted case-based learning. They vary slightly, but for each case you get a patient history and systems review and short answer questions. Some cases also include clinical pearls, references and a comprehensive quiz. The results of the quizzes can be emailed and collected for a grade, e.g., student to instructor.

Cases are durable URL-enabled and can be linked to in coursework, e.g., LMS course page, lecture slides, syllabus, etc.

**Cases**

- AACN Essentials of Critical Care Nursing, 4e
- AACN Essentials of Progressive Care Nursing, 4e
- Pharmacotherapy Casebook and Care Plans
- Pharmacotherapy Principles and Practice Study Guide, 6e

**AACN Essentials of Critical Care Nursing, 4e**  
 Author(s): Suzanne M. Burns; Sarah A. Delgado  
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**Assessment of Critically Ill Patients and Their Families**

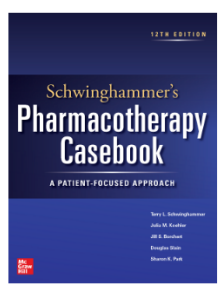
- Prearrival Assessment

**Planning Care for Critically Ill Patients and Their Families**

- Preparing for Transport
- Risk Factors During Transport
- Synergy Between Patient Characteristics and Nurse Competencies

**Interpretation and Management of Basic Cardiac Rhythms (Critical Care)**

- Atrial Dysrhythmia and Cardioversion
- Heart Block and Epicardial Pacemaker



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**Palliative Care**

Authors: Jennifer L. Swank

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**Chief Complaint**

"I have been having fevers up to 102°F and chills for 2 days. I have also noticed that my skin is orange."

**HPI**

This is a 48-year-old woman with a history of metastatic gastric adenocarcinoma diagnosed 3 years ago. Her treatment course consisted of: (1) subtotal gastrectomy and adjuvant chemoradiation with 5-FU, (2) disease progression treated with 5-FU and cisplatin, (3) disease progression again with small bowel obstruction requiring multiple surgeries, and (4) now has a chronic gastric outlet obstruction. The patient now requires chronic parenteral nutrition and also has a percutaneous biliary drain placement for biliary obstruction due to tumor. She was recently enrolled in supportive hospice services but continues on TPN for treatment of chronic small bowel obstruction.

The patient presents to her primary oncologist office with a 2-day history of fevers and chills, abdominal pain, and recurrent jaundice. She is directly admitted from the oncologist clinics to the hospital. She had been using Tylenol suppositories for the fevers at home without relief. Her abdominal pain has worsened over the past 2 days, and she currently rates the pain as 8 out of 10. This pain is not relieved by the use of as-needed oxycodone liquid.

**PMH**

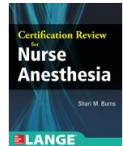
Cholangitis

## Review Questions

### Check out the Review Questions

- Thousands of [Review Q&A](#) designed for self-assessment and certification exams preparation. Users can generate random and custom review question quizzes from the most popular texts on **AccessAPN**.

### Review Questions



#### Certification Review for Nurse Anesthesia

Shari M. Burns  
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*NOTE: A quiz may not include more than 250 questions. Quizzes cannot be saved mid-progress.*

#### Create Random Quiz

of 791 available

Start Random Quiz

#### Create Custom Quiz

Generate a custom quiz by selecting a number of questions from the available topics below, and clicking "Start Custom Quiz" when ready.

Start Custom Quiz

##### Basic Sciences

of 331 available Basic Sciences

##### Equipment, Instrumentation, and Technology

of 94 available Equipment, Instrumentation, and Technology

##### Basic Principles

of 181 available Basic Principles

##### Advanced Principles

of 185 available Advanced Principles

## Support

The **Access User Center** (<https://www.accessusercenter.com/>) features additional support tools for self-guided help when using Access medical collections. Resources are provided in the menu and organized by site, i.e. AccessAPN, AccessMedicine, AccessPharmacy, etc. Helps include tutorials, guides, and author interviews, as well as marketing and promotional materials.

The **AccessAPN** page on the Access User Center can be found [at this link](#) which features the complete suite of tutorials, guides, and other helps to ensure a user's self-guided, effective use of **AccessAPN**.

Also, users can check the **AccessAPN LibGuide** linked through the **AccessAPN** page on the Access User Center. This resource features additional guidance on how to navigate and use the site, research help, and links to user resources.

## Contact Us

For further questions and help, please email **Customer Success Team** at **McGraw Hill** at [customersuccess@mheducation.com](mailto:customersuccess@mheducation.com). We strive for a 24-hour turnaround time to respond to your query.