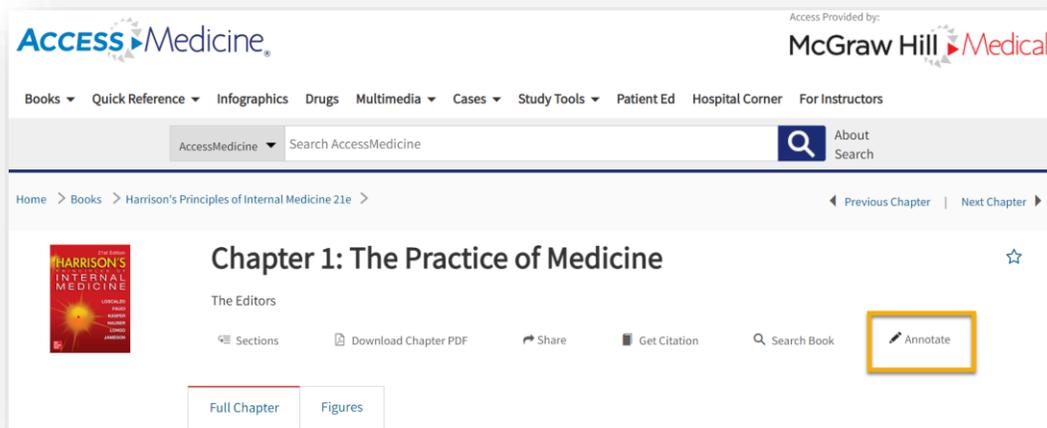# Hypothes.is User Guide

Hypothes.is is an open source browser plugin that allows you to quickly annotate and highlight content on any of McGraw Hill's Access Medical sites, such as AccessMedicine. With Hypothes.is, you can hold discussions, organize your research, and take personal notes. While this is a free tool for anyone to use anywhere on the Internet, we have saved you an extra step by embedding it on our sites for ease of use. **NOTE:** Hypothes.is requires an additional sign up/login separate from your MyAccess profile in the Access Medical sites.
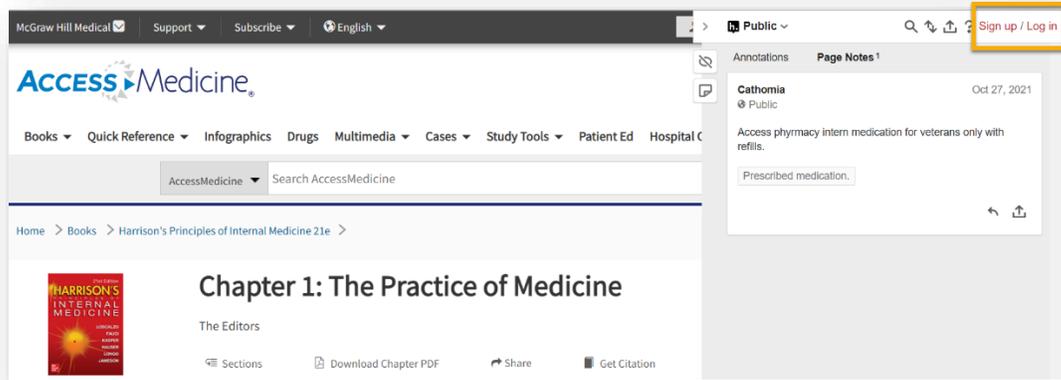
For Instructors

Hypothes.is is a useful tool to facilitate a flipped classroom approach to assigned readings on the McGraw Hill Access Medical sites, such as titles on AccessMedicine. By linking to any title, chapter, or chapter section on the Access Medical sites via the provided durable URLs, instructors can have their students engage in an online discussion on the assigned text in a private group setup by the instructor (see below for details on private group settings in Hypothes.is). Instructors can find out more about linking to content on the Access Medical sites in this brief **video**.

Getting Started

The Hypothes.is tool is now located in the chapter task bar in any text on McGraw Hill's Access Medical sites, e.g., *Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine, 21st Edition*, on AccessMedicine.
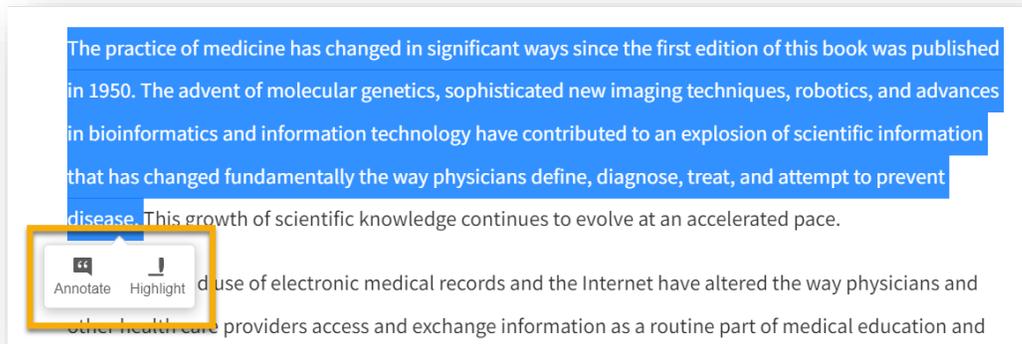

Select "Annotate" in the chapter task bar and sign up for your free Hypothes.is account or login if you already have an existing account.
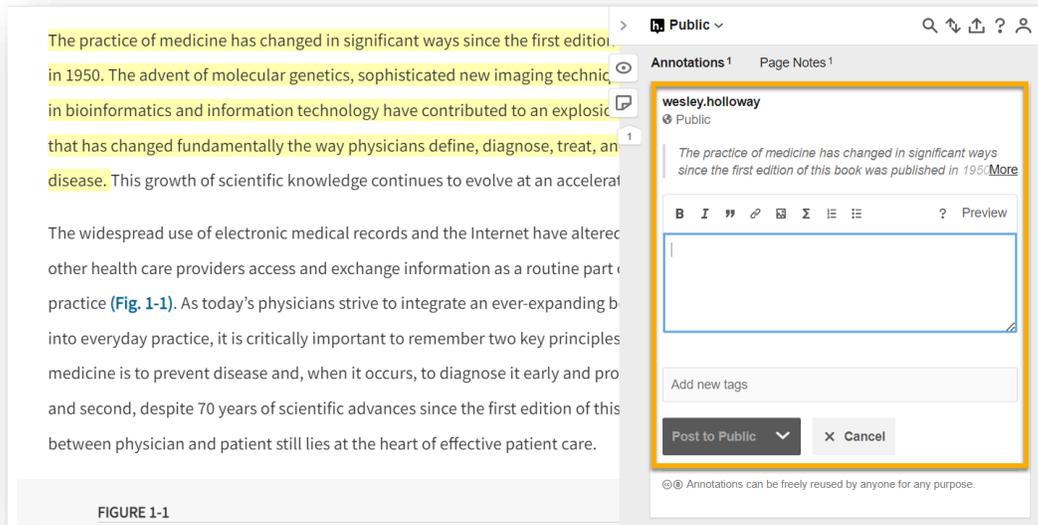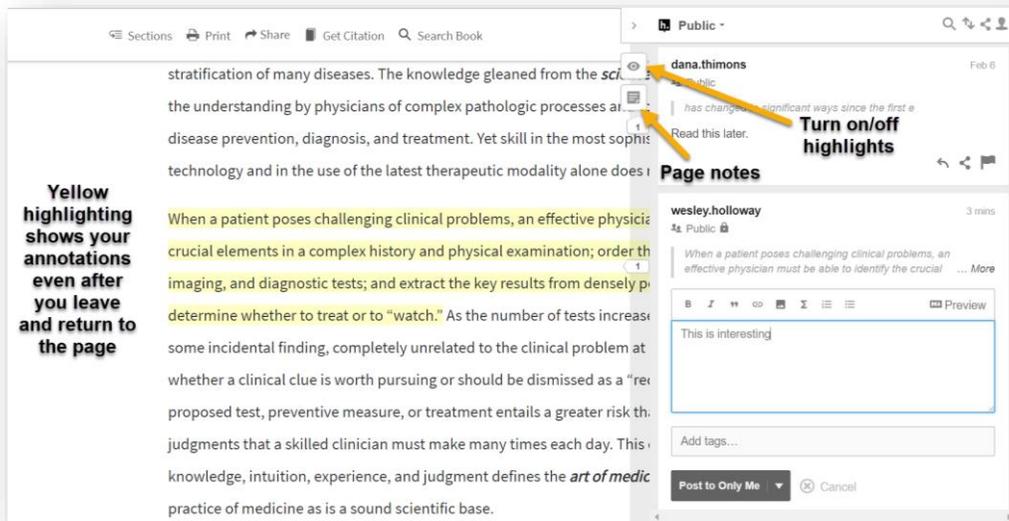
Annotations and Highlights

To begin taking notes or highlights, highlight any portion of the text which will prompt the Hypothes.is pop up with options to select either "Annotate" or "Highlight."
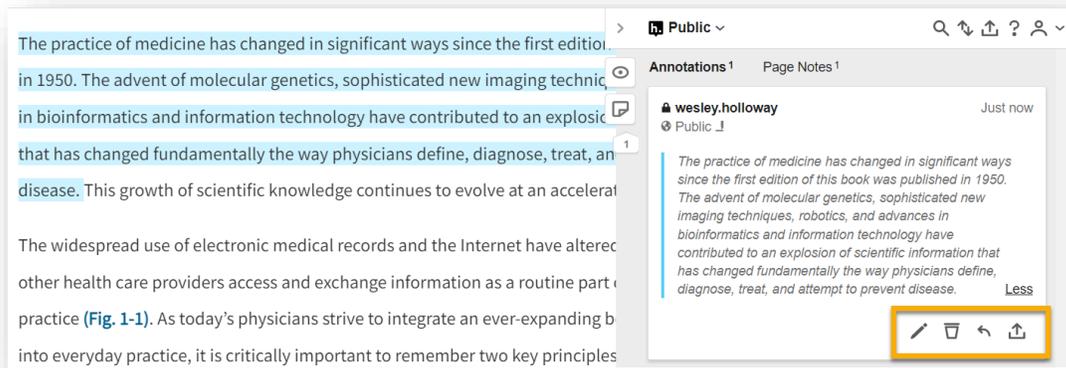

With your notes, you have basic text options for bold, italics, quote text, insert link, insert image, mathematical notations, and numbered and bulleted lists. You also can tag your annotations with key terms, allowing you to collate topics, make annotations searchable, and refer to those notes more easily. Also, posts can be set to public or private, but highlighting always defaults to private.

Because Hypothes.is is a browser based tool, it persists across multiple sessions. When you leave one of the Access Medical sites, e.g., AccessMedicine, and then return to that piece of content you annotated, the Hypothes.is tool reminds you of your notes (seen as highlighted text). By clicking on any existing highlighting, the Hypothes.is sidebar is prompted for you to view all public annotations in order as they appear in the text. "Page Notes" enables you to take notes on the whole page rather than tied to a specific portion of the text.
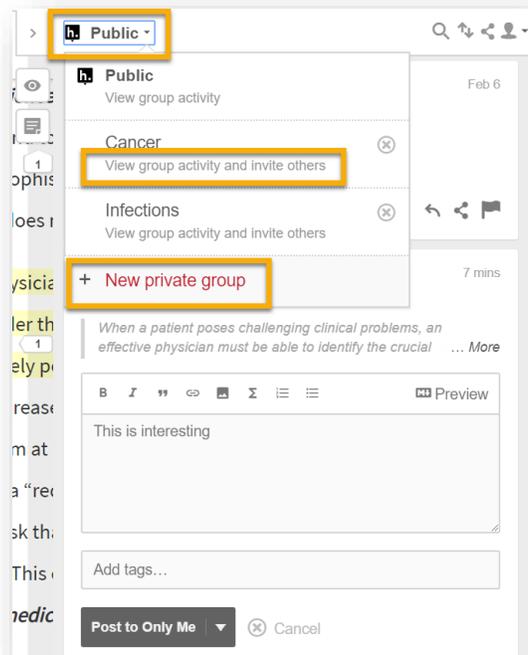

After posting, you can edit, delete, or share your post, as well as reply to other users' posts. Sharing an annotation takes the other person to the portion of the text which you annotated. The person with whom you are sharing the post does not need a Hypothes.is account to view that post.
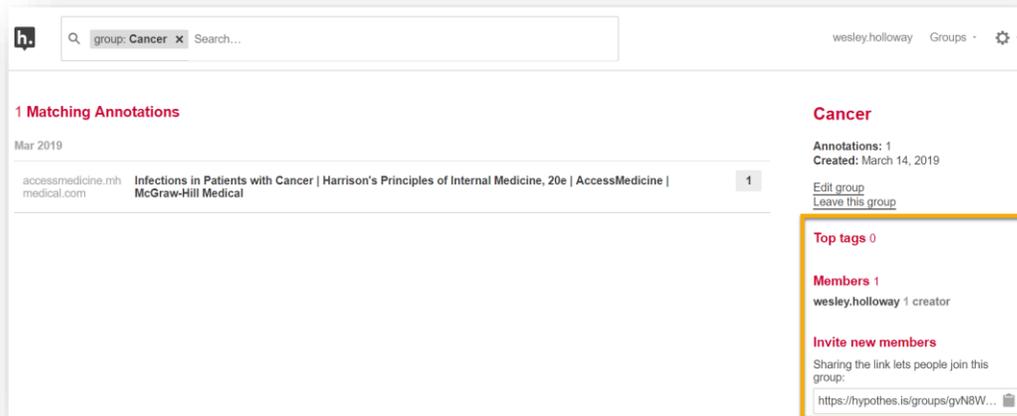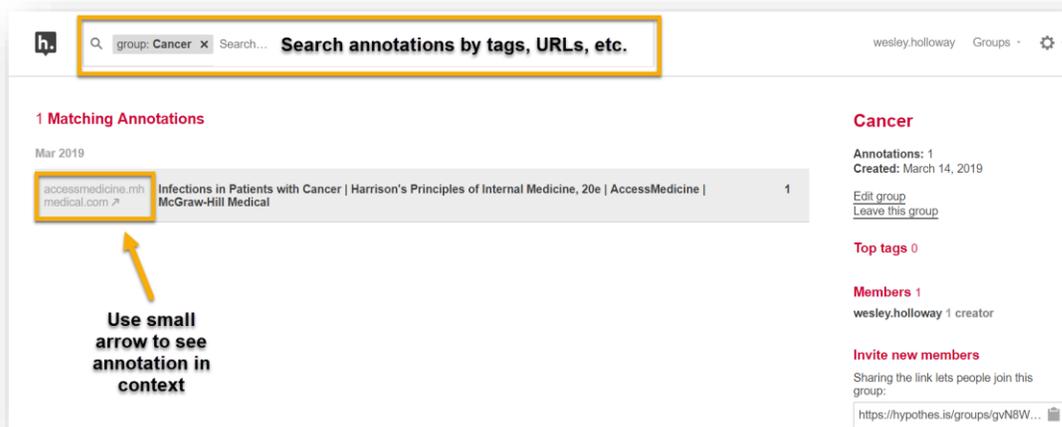
Private Group Notes

In Hypothes.is., you may create private groups to share annotations with others, e.g., classes, study groups, etc. Select the "Group" dropdown in the top left of the Hypothes.is sidebar to select an existing group or create a new group.

You may view your group's dashboard, including members, tags, etc., and send a link to others to have them join the group.
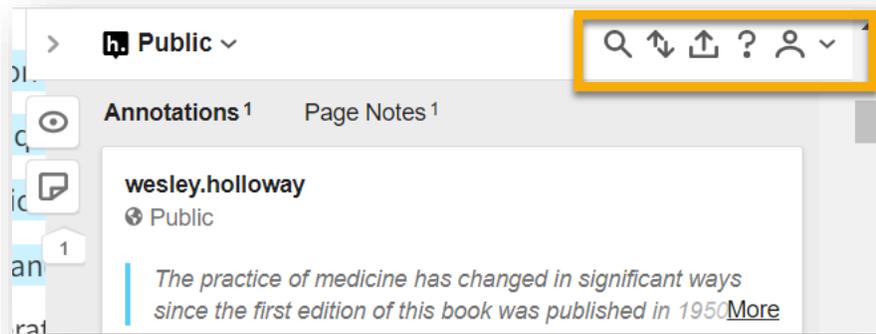
As you and others in your group make annotations, they appear in the dashboard (use small arrow, lower right-hand of a post to see it in context). You can select tags from the tag cloud on the dashboard to add into the search feature which helps to find specific annotations by topic.

Settings

You will receive an email notification when someone has replied to your post (default). At the top in the "Sort Settings" options in the Hypothes.is sidebar, you can filter how annotations are listed, including by newest, oldest, and location. You also can search for annotations by keywords, topics, etc., to find relevant notes, as well as use the share tool to share links to specific annotations.

Additional Resources

- [Hypothes.is Homepage](#)
- [Hypothes.is YouTube Channel](#)

Contact Us

For any questions using Hypothes.is on McGraw Hill's Access Medical websites, please contact the Customer Success team at customersuccess@mheducation.com.