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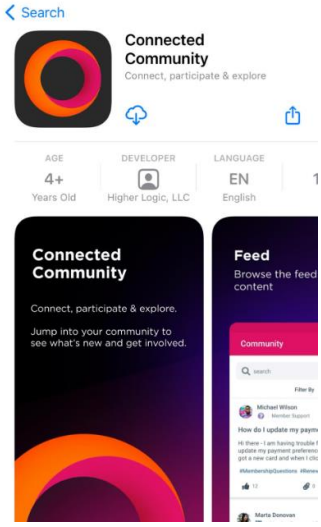
How to Download the “Connect Community” App and Log in

Access ASDS Connect from your mobile device by downloading the “Connected Community” App.

DOWNLOAD INSTRUCTIONS

1. On your mobile device, navigate to your platforms App Store (Google Play Store or Apple App Store)
2. Search for “**Connected Community**”
3. Download the app

Apple Store: https://apps.apple.com/us/app/hl-connected-community/id1565106042



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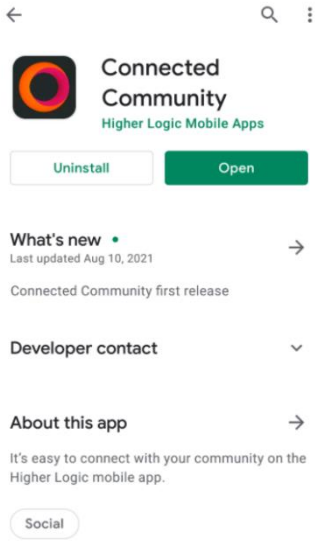
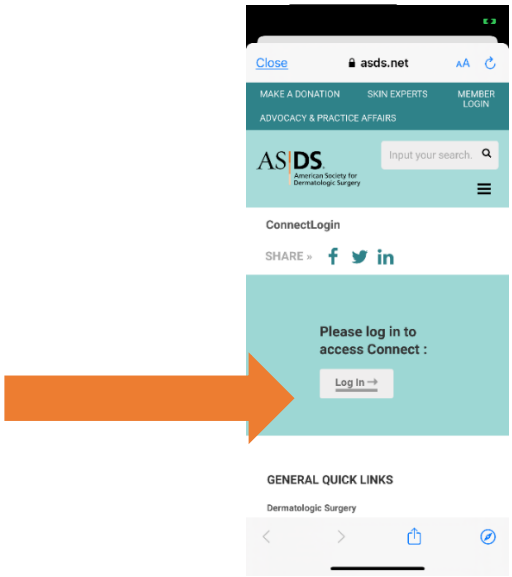


HOW TO LOG IN TO ASDS CONNECT

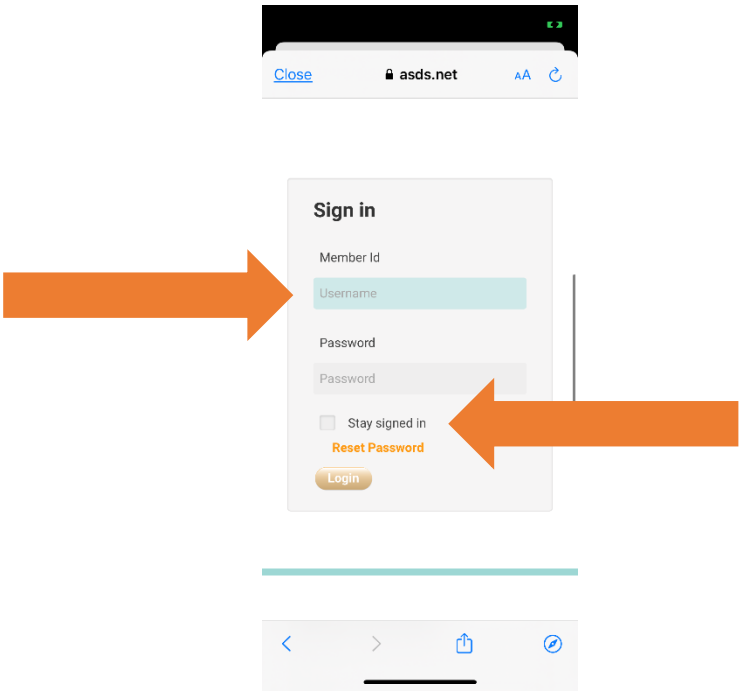
Once the HL Connect Community app is downloaded to your mobile device, log in to ASDS Connect by:

1. Enter domain: ***connect.asds.net***
   *Do not include "https" or "www"
2. Tap **Next**

3. Tap **Log In**



4. Enter your **ASDS Member ID and Password** and tap Login (contact *membership@asds.net* or call 847-956-0900 for your ASDS Member ID). **Click the box "Stay signed in" to avoid having to log in again.**



6. Start using ASDS Connect! Once you've downloaded and logged into ASDS Connect in the HL Connected Community App, you won't have to log in again if you check the "stay signed in" box.

How to Search and Filter the Feed

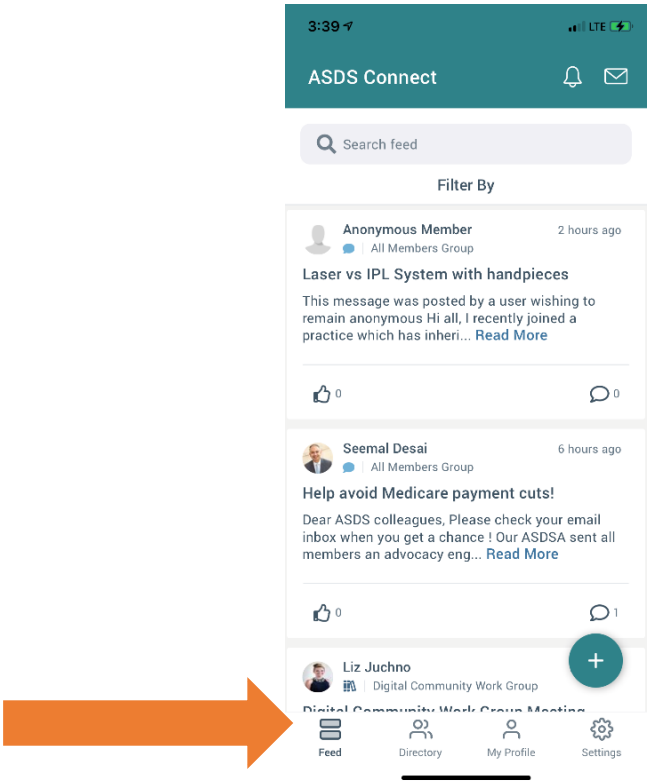
The Feed, the running list of ongoing content, is the heart of the mobile experience; it's where you go to view all the latest content from your peers and contribute your own.

VIEW THE FEED

Tap the **Feed icon** at the bottom left of the screen.

By default, the Feed shows the latest content across every community you belong to, including:

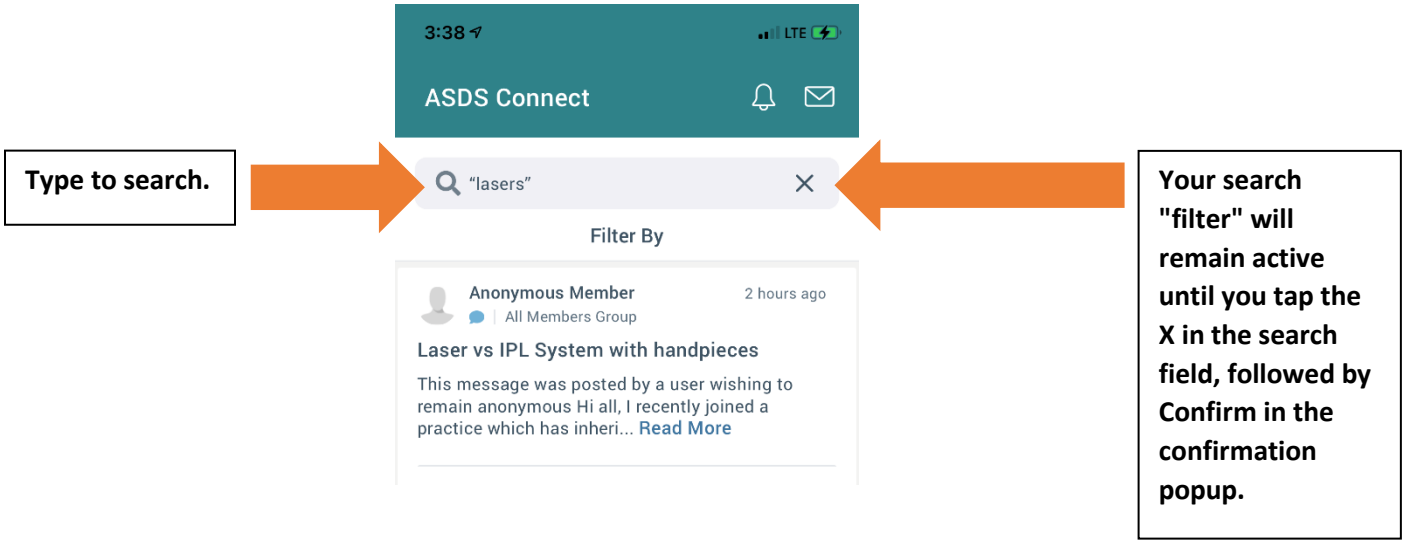
- Discussions
- Questions
- Library entries



SEARCH THE FEED

Along with filtering, searching is the easiest way to pinpoint specific content.

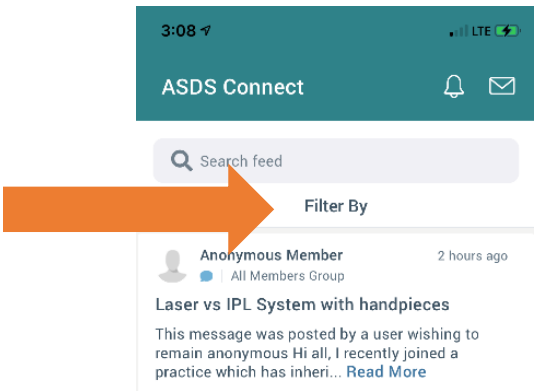
1. Tap the search field to display your phone's keypad.
2. Enter your search term, using typical search best practices (e.g., quotes around multiple words, like the example below).
3. Press the search key on your phone to view the results.



FILTER THE FEED

Along with searching, filtering is the best way to find what you're looking for. Let's look at how to filter the Feed for a more granular view, both in terms of the content types shown and from which communities.

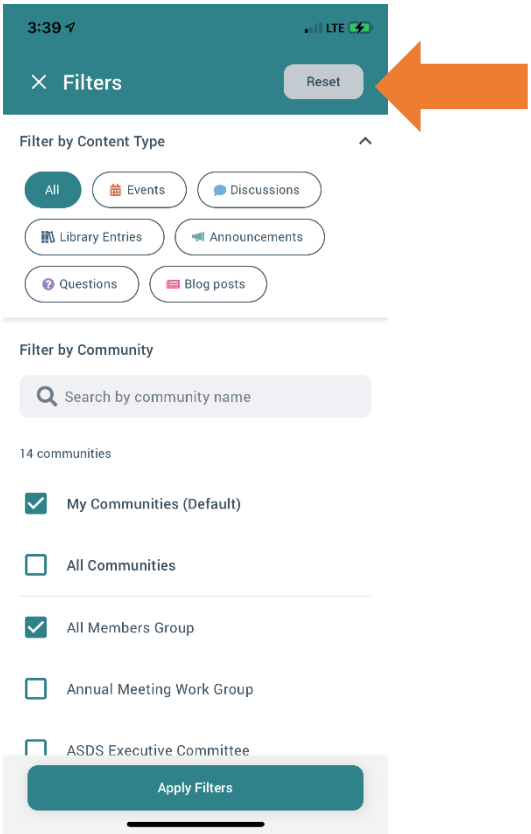
To access these filters, tap the Filter By button at the top of the page.



The resulting page has two areas:

1. **Filter by Content Type** – Tap to filter the Feed to one or multiple content types.
2. **Filter by Community** – Here, you can filter the selected content to specific communities in three ways:
    1. **My Communities** – This is the default option, which presents content from every community to which you belong.
    2. **All Communities** – View content from ALL communities you have permission to access. This includes the communities you've joined AND all communities, such as a Shared Interest Group you haven't joined.
    3. **Specific communities** – Below the previous two options is a list of all communities you've joined or have permission to view. Tap the boxes to filter to just those communities.

After you've made your selections, tap Apply Filter at the bottom of the page to apply them and navigate back to the main Feed page.



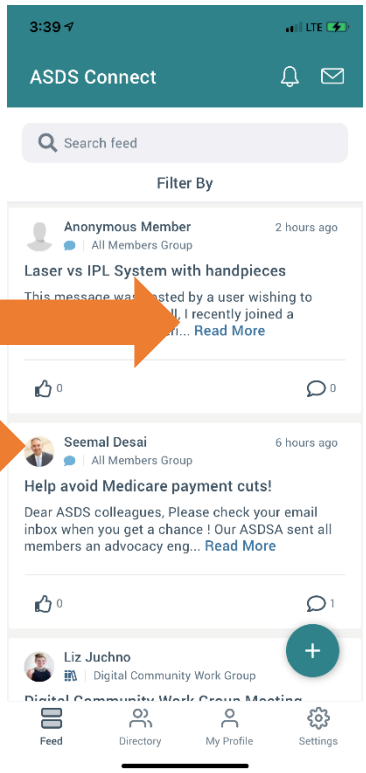
TIP: Tap Reset at the top right at any time to revert back to the default selections (all content types from all the communities to which you belong).

How to Interact with Feed Content

As you're browsing the Feed, here is how you can explore further or interact with a post.

VIEW CONTENT

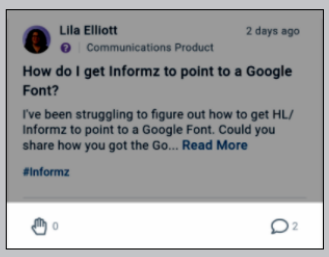
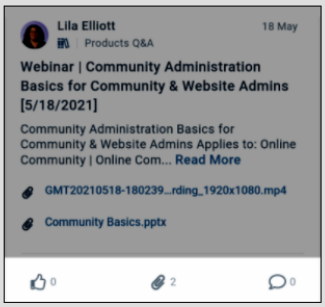
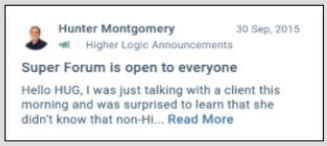
To keep Feed content manageable, text is truncated to a maximum number of characters. Tap a piece of content's text or **Read More** link to view its full page.



TIP: Tap a member's picture or name to view his/her profile. From there, you can send a connection request and even write a private message.

INTERACT WITH CONTENT IN THE FEED

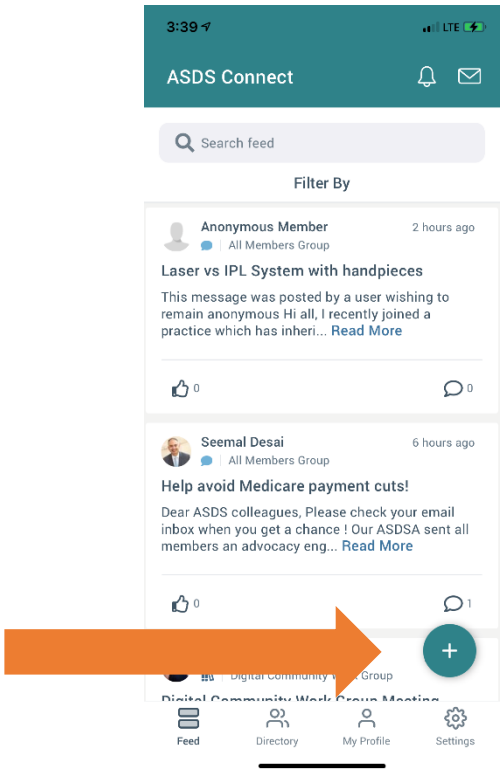
The table below outlines how you can interact with content in the Feed. Keep in mind all these interactions are also possible on their individual pages.

Icon/Name	Actions	Description
Discussions		• **Thumbs up** - Tap to "like" the content. • **Speech bubble** - Tap to view the full discussion thread. From there, you can write a reply, as well as like and respond to existing replies.
Questions		• **Raise hand** - Tap to receive email updates about future activity. This is a great way to follow questions you're interested in learning the answer to. • **Speech bubble** - Tap to view the full question and answer thread. From there, you can write an answer, as well as like existing answers.
Library		• **Thumbs up** - Tap to "like" the content. • **Attachment** - This icon only indicates *how many* attachments the Library Entry has. To download attachments, tap their individual links in the content section above (or view the full Entry page). • **Speech bubble** - Tap to view the comment section for the Library Entry. From there, you can read existing comments and write your own.
Announcement		Announcements are simply text content, and are unique in that there's no way to interact with them. Tap **Read More** to view the full announcement on its page.

4. How to Create a Discussion Post or Question

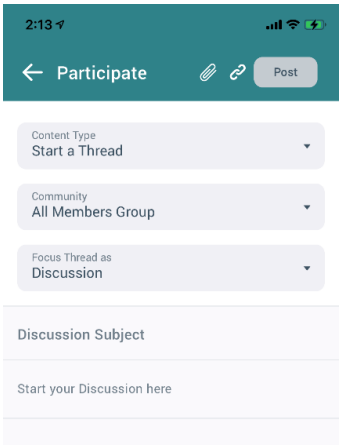
HOW TO BEGIN

You can only contribute content while viewing the **Feed**. To do so, tap the **(+) icon at the bottom right of the screen.**



CREATE A DISCUSSION OR QUESTION

1. Tap the **(+)** icon at the bottom right of the Feed.
2. Tap **Content Type** and select **Start a Thread**.
3. Tap **Community** and select the community in which to post your thread. You'll be able to choose from any communities you belong to, as well as any public ASDS communities you haven't joined yet.



1. At this point, you can choose what type of thread to create: discussion or question. Tap the **Focus Thread** as menu and make your selection.
2. Enter a **subject** and **write your discussion** or **question** in the applicable fields.
3. *(Optional)* Tap the **paperclip icon** to attach a file (image, video, etc.) and/or the **chain icon** to insert a hyperlink.
    a. While creating a discussion, question or Library Entry, you can add one or more attachments via the paperclip icon.
    b. After tapping the icon, simply navigate your device for the file you'd like to upload. This can be anything from an image or video to a Word document or PDF.
    c. You can repeat this process multiple times to attach multiple files.
4. Tap **Post** to add your discussion or question to the chosen community.