**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

The review committee of the **American Balint Society**invites your presentation proposal for the

**4th National Meeting of the ABS**

May 14-16, 2020 in Denver, CO

**Hearing the Patient, Healing the Clinician**

This conference marks the 30th year of the American Balint Society, founded to explore and promote the therapeutic potential of clinician-patient relationships. Relationships between clinicians and their clients and patients lie at the core of clinical practice and can be troubling as well as healing. **Hearing the Patient, Healing the Clinician** invites practitioners across disciplines to share lessons learned about creating, enhancing and restoring therapeutic clinical relationships. **We particularly encourage** papers and demonstrations\*\* from other organizations invested in promoting healing relationships. Join us as we celebrate 30 years of working with what Michael Balint called "the center of medicine".

The time for each presentation is a maximum of 20 minutes (15 minutes for the paper followed by 5 minutes of audience discussion). You need not be an ABS member to submit. Authors are expected to attend the meeting to present their work.

A 100 to 300 word abstract of the full text of your paper must be received by November 15th, 2019, to be considered.

**Abstracts:**

* Submit these electronically, in English by email only Word (.doc or .docx) or .rtf format.
* Include two pages, the title page with author(s) identified and the abstract page with no author information.
* For the presenting author include a name, degree, institutional affiliation, if any, city, country, email address, phone number
* Submit to Laurel Milberg at [laurelmilberg@gmail.com](mailto:laurelmilberg@gmail.com)

You will receive an email acknowledging the receipt of your abstract within 2 weeks after submission. We will notify you of the status of your submission as soon as we finish our review. Accepted author/presenters will be responsible for registering for the meeting. Information about costs will be available through the ABS website: [www.americanbalintsociety.org](http://www.americanbalintsociety.org).

**Workshops/Demonstrations 1 ¼ hour session**

\*\*For organizations or individuals prepared to demonstrate a group or interactive method for enhancing the clinician-patient relationship, please email a description of the method, CV’s for the presenter(s), organization representing this method and a description of your proposed workshop, including a time breakdown to

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