**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

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

**4th National Meeting of the ABS\***

**January 26-28, 2022**

 **Hacienda del Sol, Tucson, AZ**

**Bridging Diverse Experiences in Clinical Relationships**

The American Balint Society (ABS) was founded to explore and promote the therapeutic potential of clinician-patient relationships. The January 2022 ABS National Conference, "Bridging Diverse Experiences in Clinical Relationships," invites practitioners to explore and embrace diversity in race, ethnicity, class, gender, and culture in their therapeutic relationships. We hope to hear lessons learned from past experiences in Balint groups and collaboratively discover innovative ways to connect, communicate, and heal in the context of diverse communities.

\* Those whose submissions were accepted for the cancelled 2020 National Meeting are encouraged to re-submit their proposals for possible inclusion in the 2022 meeting. Some language adapting a previous proposal to the current theme may be necessary.

Each presenter is allotted a maximum of 20 minutes (15 minutes for the presentation 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 your presentation must be received by July 25th, 2021, 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

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 across diverse ethnic, racial, cultural differences, 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:

laurelmilberg@gmail.com by July 25th, 2021, to be considered.

**Special Session Arts and Humanities**

One evening of our meeting will be devoted to sharing music, art, poetry, prose, video presentations that enhance our understanding of clinical relationships across diverse experiences. Submitted presentations and performances should last no longer than 10 minutes. Please submit a description of your work to Allison Bickett at allison.bickett@atriumhealth.org