

American Balint Society Balint Leader Supervision Procedures

Information for Supervisors, Balint Leader Supervision:

Assignment of Supervisor: As per guidelines for supervision of Balint leader candidates, all supervisors must notify the Coordinator of Supervision of their agreement to supervise a candidate before supervision begins, via the appropriate form (attached) signed by both candidate and supervisor.

Payment: See standard schedule of fees for 2005, attached. Note: If more than one supervisor is working with a co-leader pair or a single leader candidate, each supervisor must fill out a form, attached, indicating the amount to be paid each supervisor, not to exceed the total amounts stated for each candidate or candidate co-leaders. Co-supervisors should submit their forms stapled together to the Coordinator of Supervision by November 1. Note: When co-leader candidates are supervised together, each supervision session counts as one of the required six per year for both candidates, regardless of the focus of the supervision session.

Supervision is to be paid once a year by the candidate, preferably at the beginning of supervision for the year, but at any rate by October 1 of any year in which supervision has taken place. Supervision fees are paid by the candidate directly to the ABS Treasurer. For supervisors to be paid by the ABS for supervision they provided, a form must be completed by the supervisor for each supervisee and returned to the Coordinator of Supervision by Nov 1, who will confirm the number of sessions completed and forward the form to the ABS Treasurer who will pay the supervisor. Supervisors paid over \$600.00 in a year will be issued a 1099 by the ABS.

Documentation/Reporting of Supervision: After each supervision session, the supervisor(s) must complete and sign a Balint Leader Candidate Supervision Report, attached. A copy of this signed report must be returned ASAP after each supervision session to the Coordinator of Supervision. Note: On each supervision report, the supervisor(s) must indicate by circling yes or no whether they have any reservations at that point about the candidate becoming a certified Balint leader. If "yes" is circled, a comment must be made in the space provided on the form. This judgment serves as a warning signal to the Credentialing Committee, who may then communicate directly with the supervisor to see if any action should be taken.

It is desirable to acquaint your supervisee with the form before supervision begins and discuss how it will be used. It may also be valuable to supply your supervisee with some of these forms to complete and send to you with the tapes, transcripts or notes of their Balint group. Their self-evaluation and where it differs from your assessment may serve as a jumping off place for supervision discussion with the candidate. You should provide them with copies of the forms you have completed on their leadership. Please keep copies of all forms completed by you and your supervisee for your records and possible future research.

Disclosure of Participation in Meta-Supervisors' Group: The following wording is suggested by the Credentialing Coordinating Committee to be used with your new and existing candidate supervisees to inform them about your participation in the supervisors' group.

Under the umbrella of full disclosure, I wanted to let you know that the Credentialing Committee of the ABS has begun a meta-supervision group. Just like you get consultation/supervision on your group, all of the supervisors participate in this meta-supervision group to help us improve our work as supervisors. From time to time, each of us may be presenting our supervision, with the focus of the work on our supervision, not on the supervisee. If at any time you have questions, let me know.

Additional Important Information about supervision is available in the document, "Supervision of Balint Leader Candidates," on the ABS website and from the Coordinator of Supervision.