



January 1, 2008

Dear Member of the American Balint Society (ABS):

Thank you for your involvement and support of the ABS. It is time to renew our memberships for 2008. I am attaching a letter from Don Nease, President of the ABS, welcoming you to continue your support of the Society. The annual membership remains at \$75.00 for full membership and \$30.00 for students and residents. All membership fees are tax deductible.

This year we have instituted a new on-line payment option, in addition to our standard mail-in option. To renew your membership, simply:

1. Download the membership form at:
<http://americanbalintsociety.org/miscellaneous/Membership2008.pdf>
2. Fill it in and send it to me (see address below)
3. Then, you can either include a check with the form, or to pay through PayPal with a credit card go to: <http://americanbalintsociety.org/dues.html>

Send this to:

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Thank you for your continued contribution to the work of the American Balint Society.

Best wishes,

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Dear ABS members,

It's time to both thank you for your membership in the American Balint Society for 2007 and encourage you to maintain your membership for 2008. I believe our joint work to improve that which is core to medical care, the relationship between clinicians and patients is vitally important. We have a rich heritage behind us. Did you realize that the term "patient-centered medicine" was first coined by Balint promoters in the 1970's? Today, others have joined us in promoting this concept, but our approach remains unique and vital.

Our Society is active and growing like never before, and I hope you'll soon see evidence of this, if you haven't already. In addition to our sponsorship of Balint-L, Balint Weekends and of course, Balint Leadership Intensives, we are working on an electronic newsletter for members that should be out soon. We are developing a continuing education experience to help credentialed leaders maintain their skills. Additionally, we are seeking ways to reach out to those who may not know of our method and its benefits.

Your membership supports all of these activities.

Because of our new status as a 501c3 non-profit organization, your member dues are now tax-deductible as well.

So, I hope you will join me in renewing your membership for 2008. This promises to be an exciting year for us, and I hope you will be along for the journey.

Happy Holidays and a Joyous New Year!

Don