

Balint Society of Australia and New Zealand (BalintANZ)
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Balint Group Website Listing
Guidelines and Procedure

Objective: The purpose of this documents is to provide guidelines for Balint group leaders to list their groups on BalintANZ's website. By maintaining an updated and comprehensive listing of Balint groups, BalintANZ aims to facilitate accessibility to Balint groups in our region.

By adhering to these guidelines, Balint group leaders can contribute to the BalintANZ's mission of promoting education, professional development and support.

A comprehensive and accessible listing of Balint groups on the BalintANZ's website facilitates connections and fosters collaboration among members passionate about the Balint approach to healthcare.

Guidelines

1. Eligibility:

- Accredited leaders and those current enrolled in the leadership accreditation pathway (LAP) are eligible to list their groups on the website.
- Members of BalintANZ who are neither accredited leaders nor enrolled in the LAP are not eligible to list their groups on the BalintANZ website.
- Where there are two leaders of a group, at least one leader must be an accredited leader or enrolled in the LAP.
- Those seeking to list their groups on the BalintANZ website are asked to confirm that they are offering a Balint group rather than any other form of group.

2. Submission Process:

- Balint group leaders interested in listing their groups on the website are invited to submit a request to the BalintANZ's administrative secretary (admin@balintanz.org).
- The request should include essential information about the Balint group, such as the leader's name, contact information, group meeting schedule, location and any specific requirements for participation.

3. Review and Approval:

- BalintANZ's administrative secretary will submit applications to list new groups on the society's website to the president and the chair of the training committee who will review the submitted requests to ensure compliance with the eligibility criteria and guidelines.
- If both the president and the chair of the training committee agree that the group should be listed, the listing can proceed.
- If there is disagreement between the president and the chair of the training committee, the application will be referred to the next meeting of the board for resolution.
- If the president and chair of the training committee agree that a group should not be listed, the application will be declined and an explanation should be provided. The applicant may appeal to the full board for a review of that decision. Such appeals should also be forwarded to the administrative secretary who will list them for discussion at the next board meeting.
- Approved requests will be listed on the BalintANZ's website.

4. Update and maintenance:

- Balint group leaders are responsible for keeping their group information accurate and up to date. They are invited to contact the administrative secretary with any changes.
- Group leaders are invited to communicate any changes in the group's details, such as meeting schedule, location, or contact information to the BalintANZ administrative secretary to be updated on the website.
- If the leadership of the group changes, the request should be forwarded to the president and chair of the training committee for approval.
- If a group ends, the group leader or leaders are asked to notify the administrative secretary so that their listing can be removed.

5. Removal of listings:

- BalintANZ reserves the right to remove group listings for any reason.
- Balint group leaders will be notified in advance if their listing is subject to removal, providing them with an opportunity to address any concerns or issues.

6. Disclaimer:

- BalintANZ does not endorse or guarantee the quality, effectiveness or safety of any Balint group listed on the website.

- Participation in Balint groups is voluntary and individuals are encouraged to exercise discretion and judgement when selecting and attending groups listed on the website.

7. Feedback and Suggestions:

- Balint group leaders and participants are invited to provide feedback and suggestions for improving the listing process and enhancing the overall experience for members.
- BalintANZ will consider all feedback and strive continually to enhance its support for Balint groups.