U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of PATRICIA T. BOLLETER <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, VETERANS ADMINISTRATION MEDICAL CENTER, New Orleans, LA

Docket No. 01-1569: Submitted on the Record; Issued August 28, 2002

DECISION and ORDER

Before DAVID S. GERSON, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant's surgery was causally related to her July 24, 1995 accepted work injuries.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of the parties on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the April 20, 2001 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the Office hearing representative.

The April 20, 2001 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC August 28, 2002

> David S. Gerson Alternate Member

Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member