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Donlin M. Long, M.D.
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Dear Dr. Long:

I received a call from Dr. James Callahan, Travelers Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut. He asked if we had any written assessment on electrical implants in the spinal cord, a procedure apparently done to control pain. He was specifically interested in the pisces-sigma electrode Itrel System. Apparently he needs the information in order to make a determination on a claim.

I spoke with Dr. George Sybert, Chairman of the Joint Section on Spinal Disorders, who felt that he was not knowledgeable enough about the procedure to offer any comments. He suggested that I contact you, as he believed you would be most familiar with it.

If you feel you can make any sort of definitive statement on this procedure, I would appreciate you calling Dr. Callahan (203)277-6606. If not, I'll advise him that representatives from AANS are not prepared to comment at this time.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Leslie Boyer
Assistant to the Executive Director

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p.s. If you feel this request would be most appropriately handled by the Technology and Terminology Subcommittee of JSEC, I will advise Dr. Callahan.