

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of ANDREA FONDA and U.S. POSTAL SERVICE,
POST OFFICE, Bellmawr, NJ

*Docket No. 02-1836; Submitted on the Record;
Issued January 10, 2003*

DECISION and ORDER

Before DAVID S. GERSON, MICHAEL E. GROOM,
A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant established that she sustained a recurrence of disability commencing May 14, 2001, due to the December 13, 1999 employment injury.

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 March 26, 2002 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.¹

¹ The medical evidence appellant submitted to establish a recurrence of disability consisting of the reports of her treating physician, Dr. Craig H. Rosen, a Board-certified orthopedist, lacked adequate rationale establishing a causal connection between appellant's current medical condition and her employment injury. *See Annie L. Billingsley*, 50 ECAB 210, 213 (1998); *Wendell D. Harrell*, 49 ECAB 289, 290 (1998).

The March 26, 2002 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC
January 10, 2003

David S. Gerson
Alternate Member

Michael E. Groom
Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski
Alternate Member