U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of NANCY A. LAVANT-GILMORE and DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE, PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, FL

Docket No. 00-350; Submitted on the Record; Issued December 18, 2000

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, A. PETER KANJORSKI, PRISCILLA ANNE SCHWAB

The issue is whether appellant established that her proposed left hip surgery is causally related to her October 23, 1995 work injury.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of appellant on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the June 16, 1999 decision of the hearing representative 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 hearing representative.¹

¹ The Board notes that the hearing representative characterized Dr. John LoZito's March 22, 1999 medical report as recommending surgery. The record reveals that Dr. LoZito did not recommend surgery.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated June 16, 1999 is hereby affirmed as modified.

Dated, Washington, DC December 18, 2000

> Willie T.C. Thomas Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member

Priscilla Anne Schwab Alternate Member