

MSRB Meeting 07/10/07
Comments Received and Actions Taken Re: Proposed Rules for

	Comment	Action
p. 1 l. 15	Replace “dorsal column stimulator” with “spinal cord stimulation” and “morphine pump” with “intrathecal drug delivery system”. The terms “dorsal column stimulator” and “morphine pump” are obsolete.	Accept.
p. 1 l. 15	Replace “dorsal column stimulator” with “neurostimulation”.	Reject. “Neurostimulation” is a broad term that could be construed to include modalities such as TENS units. This would create confusion in the application of the rules
p. 1 l. 24	Replace references to somatic and neuropathic pain with “intractable” pain. These distinctions are no longer considered clinically significant.	Accept.
p. 1 l. 23-39	Change “and is not a candidate for any other surgical therapy” to “where more conservative treatments have been tried”. Use of SCS should not be limited to cases in which <u>all</u> other therapies are no longer available.	(Deferred to later discussion)
p.1 l. 23-39	Change “personality or psychosocial” to “psychological”	Accept
p. 2 l. 23-39	Change “is likely to benefit from this treatment” to “has no psychological contraindications to this treatment.”	Accept