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A. Subject

B. Background

The role of peripheral nerves as sources of pain and avenues of treatment when conservative therapy has failed is being more extensively explored than in previous years. Neuromodulation of peripheral nerves to treat refractory pain is one such area of interest. The proposed mechanism of action, referred to as the gate control theory, involves a method by which stimulation of large-diameter sensory neurons reduces transmission of painful stimuli from small nociceptive fibers to the brain. The stimulation system is placed adjacent to the nerve, a process commonly known as remote selective targeting. The neuromodulation of peripheral nerves to reduce pain, known as peripheral nerve stimulation (PNS), has been developed as a minimally-invasive pain management



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The MEDICAL Policy Statement detailed above has received due consideration as defined in the MEDICAL Policy Statement Policy and is approved.