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Dear Dr. Hodges:

To the best of my knowledge, no formal documents exist at this University or at any of its affiliated hospitals regarding criteria for the use of any treatment. Such decisions are left to the attending physician, subject to the reviews by appropriate Committees of the institutions concerned.

For our teaching of biological psychiatry, particularly indications for and the methods of ECT, we usually cite our own publication of 1970 (Convulsive Therapy - Methods and Applications), the 1972 special issue of Seminars in Psychiatry dedicated to Convulsive Therapy, and the 1974 volume, Psychobiology of Convulsive Therapy, edited by M. Fink, S. Kety, J. McGaugh and T. Williams, (Winston, Washington, D. C.).

I trust these comments are helpful.

Sincerely yours,

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