IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF KANAWHA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

SHERRY DEW and STEPHEN DEW,

Plaintiffs,

v.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 07-C-240

R. DAVID ALLARA, M.D.,

Defendant.

<u>ORDER</u>

On October 26, 2007, appeared Plaintiffs, by counsel, Ben Salango, and Defendant, by counsel, Karen Tracy McElhinny, for a hearing on "Plaintiffs' Motion for Leave to File Second Amended Complaint." Upon reviewing the briefs submitted by the parties and the argument of counsel, the Court finds that granting Plaintiffs leave to file a Second Amended Complaint will not delay the trial, will permit the presentation of the merits of the action, will not result in prejudice to the adverse party by the sudden assertion of the subject of the amendment, and the adverse party will have ample opportunity to meet the issues raised in the amendment. *Brooks v. Isinghood*, 584 S.E.2d 531 (W. Va. 2003). Accordingly, the Court hereby **GRANTS** "Plaintiffs' Motion for Leave to File Second Amended Complaint" and **ORDERS** that Plaintiffs be granted leave to file a Second Amended Complaint. Defendant's objection to the Court's ruling is noted and preserved.

The Court further **ORDERS** that since this is a medical professional liability claim, Plaintiffs must have expert testimony to establish the applicable standard of care, deviations from the standard of care, and proximate causation.

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Entered this _____ day of November, 2007.

JAMES C. STUCKY, JUDGE

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