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SHEILA L. STOANE and LEONARD STOANE, M.D., her Husband, Plaintiffs, v. MERCK, SHARP & DOHME, CORP., Defendant.	SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION: MIDDLESEX COUNTY CIVIL ACTION NO.: MID-L-007429-14 ORDER ON MOTION FOR SUBSTITUTION OF PARTIES
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THIS MATTER, brought upon consideration of Plaintiffs' Motion to Substitute Leonard Stoane, M.D., as Fiduciary of the Estate of Sheila L. Stoane, deceased, and for good cause shown,

IT IS on this 7th day of July, 2025,

ORDERED that Plaintiff's Motion for Leave to file an Amended Complaint to substitute Leonard Stoane, M.D., as Fiduciary of the Estate of Sheila L. Stoane, deceased, as Plaintiff is hereby **GRANTED**; and it is further

ORDERED that Plaintiff shall file and serve the proposed Amended Complaint within ten (10) days of this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that service of this Order shall be deemed effectuated upon all parties upon its upload to eCourts. Pursuant to Rule 1:5-1(a), movant shall serve a copy of this Order on all parties not served electronically within seven (7) days of the date of this Order.

UNOPPOSED

/s/ Bruce J. Kaplan

HONORABLE BRUCE J. KAPLAN, P.J.Cv.

Having reviewed the within motion, this Court finds it meritorious on its face and is unopposed. This Court is granting leave to amend the Complaint in accord with R. 4:9-1. Moreover, the Court is granting substitution of Plaintiff as permitted under R. 4:34-1. Pursuant to R. 1:6-2, this Motion will be granted essentially for the reasons set forth in the moving papers.