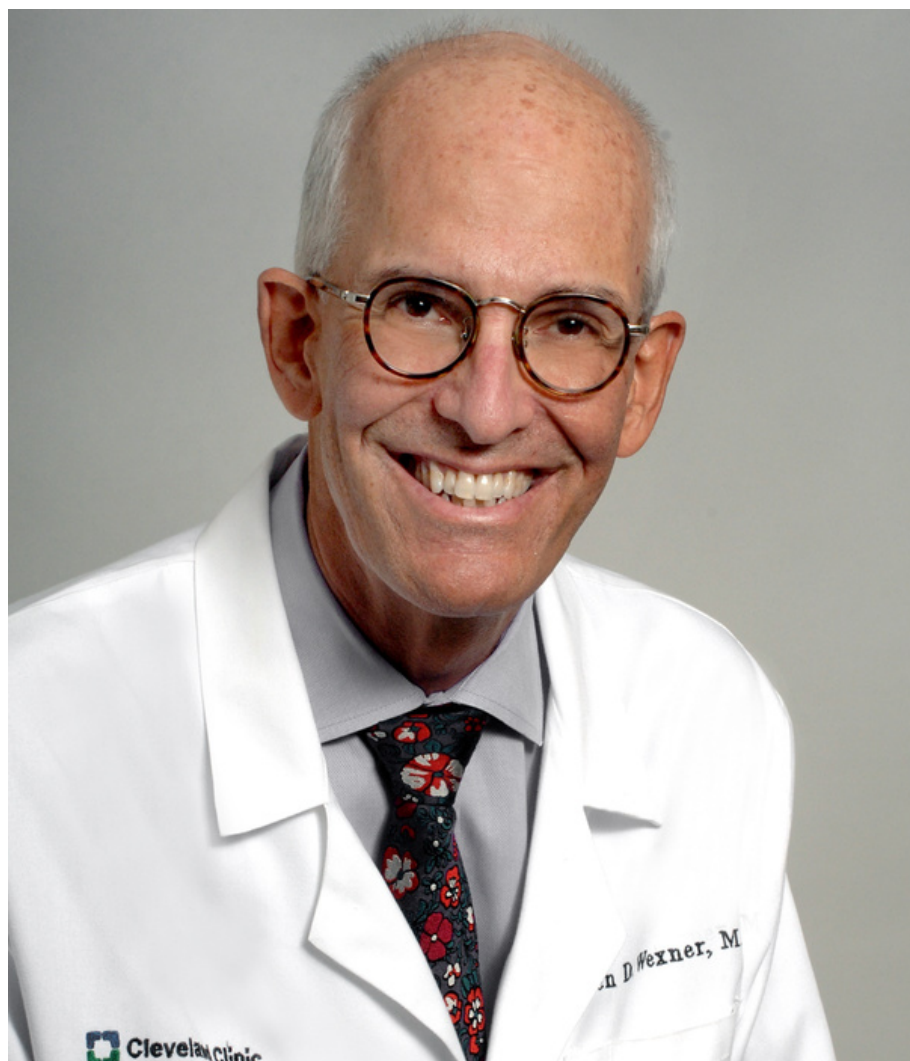


# The 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Edwin H. Ellison Memorial Lectureship



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Steven D. Wexner, MD, PhD(Hon) is the director of the Ellen Leifer Shulman and Steven Shulman Digestive Disease Center and has been on staff at Cleveland Clinic Florida since 1988. He has been the chairman of the department of colorectal surgery since 1993. Dr. Wexner was chief of staff from 1997-2008, chief academic officer from 2008-2012, and chairman of the Division of Research and Education from 1995-2012.

Dr. Wexner is the past president of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons Research Foundation (2014-2016), past president of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons (2011-2012), past president of the American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery (2010-2011), and the past president of the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (2006-2007). Dr. Wexner served for six years as a governor to the ACS, past chair of the ACS advisory council for colon and rectal surgery from 2001-2005, and a member of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education residency review committee for colon and rectal surgery from 1999-2004.

Dr. Wexner was the first surgeon in North America to popularize the colonic J-pouch for rectal cancer. Due to the study in which he participated and published, that procedure is now an acceptable standard of care for patients with rectal carcinoma. The same is true with his innovations for fecal incontinence and research of laparoscopy for colon and rectal cancer. In 2020, Dr. Wexner became an Editor-in-Chief of the journal Surgery. Dr. Wexner has published 913 manuscripts, 269 textbook chapters, and 171 editorials and/or invited commentaries. He has been the editor or co-editor of 43 textbooks or freestanding volumes to date. In August 2022, Dr. Wexner was listed amongst the top 2% of the most cited scientists in 198 scientific fields and subfields. He ranked 10th amongst all cited GI surgeons with an H index of 98 and is currently the most cited living colorectal surgeon. He also authored or co-authored 5 of the top 100 cited papers in benign anorectal disease including the most frequently cited manuscript on anorectal disease. He is an active member of 43 learned societies and has held more than 70 appointed or elected offices in these societies.

**Tuesday, May 7, 2024**

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From 1958 to 1969, Edwin H. Ellison, MD, was the first full-time Chair of Surgery at the Medical College of Wisconsin, then known as the Marquette School of Medicine. As a master surgeon, educator and surgical scientist, he brought national visibility to the Department of Surgery. His untimely death in 1970 prompted his friends and colleagues to seek a means of perpetuating the Ellison legacy. The Edwin H. Ellison Memorial Lectureship was established to regularly bring leading surgical educators to MCW.

Dr. Ellison received his surgical training at The Ohio State University College of Medicine under the tutelage of Dr. Robert M. Zollinger. Dr. Ellison served on The Ohio State University faculty from 1944 to 1957. He moved to Milwaukee in 1958 and during the next 11 years, he recruited outstanding leaders in the surgical specialties, and developed innovative research programs in the newly constructed Allen Bradley research laboratory. Dr. Ellison's vision for training surgical residents culminated in the development of the Marquette University Affiliated Residency Program, which is now known as the Medical College of Wisconsin Affiliated Hospitals, Inc. (MCWAH).

Under his leadership, the department faculty made significant contributions to the field of surgery, especially gastrointestinal surgery. These efforts stemmed from Dr. Ellison's earlier work with Dr. Zollinger, involving patients with duodenal ulceration caused by elevated levels of gastrin. They described the syndrome of hypergastrinemia, caused by neuroendocrine tumors of the duodenum and pancreas, which has been forever known as the Zollinger-Elison Syndrome. ZE Syndrome can also occur in patients with multiple endocrine neoplasia type I, and because of Dr. Ellison's inspirational work, the study of these patients became a focus of the department of surgery under the leadership of Dr. Stuart Wilson.

Dr. Ellison was an internationally known surgeon-scientist and served on the editorial boards of our most notable scientific journals. He contributed 161 manuscripts to the scientific literature, and shortly before he died, had compiled illustrative material for Ellison's Atlas of Surgery of the Stomach and Duodenum. His legacy in American surgery has continued for generations in his family through his son Chris Ellison and his grandson Jonathan who is currently on our faculty in the Department of Urology.

Dr. Ellison's noteworthy contributions to the practice of surgery and his commitment to training future generations of surgeons are embodied in the Edwin H. Ellison Memorial Lectureship and the Ellison Alumni Surgical Society.

To access the full list of previous Ellison Visiting Professors and recordings of past lectureships, please visit <https://www.mcw.edu/departments/surgery/events>.

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- Carl W. Eberbach Memorial Lectureship
- Edwin H. Ellison Memorial Lectureship
- Marvin Glicklich Lectureship
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