

The 52nd Annual Edwin H. Ellison Memorial Lectureship



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Ellison Case Conference
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Wednesday, March 5, 2025

7:30 - 8:30 AM CDT

Ellison Memorial Lecture
Helfaer Auditorium

*"Achieving Health Equity in Surgical
Oncology in the Pursuit of Health Justice"*

8:30 - 9:30 AM CDT

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Dr. Stewart serves as the Surgeon in Chief for Morehouse School of Medicine and directs the clinical vision, mission, and strategies for the Morehouse School of Medicine's department of surgery.

Dr. Stewart served as the founding director of the Louisiana State University- Louisiana Children's Medical Center Cancer Center where he held the rank of professor of surgery, Louisiana State University New Orleans School of Medicine. Under his leadership, Dr. Stewart set the overall direction for multidisciplinary cancer care and cancer clinical research programs for LSU Health New Orleans and LCMC Health.

Before he arrived at LSU, Dr. Stewart served as the deputy director for the University of Illinois Cancer Center and physician executive for oncology services for the University of Illinois Health System. He was also a member of the initial class of Presidential Scholars for the University of Illinois. Dr. Stewart's previous leadership roles include serving as the chief of surgery at the Durham VAMC, vice-chair in the Wake Forest School of Medicine Department of Surgery, and associate dean for clinical research and innovation at the Wake Forest University School of Medicine.

Dr. Stewart received his medical degree from Howard University and completed his general surgery residency at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. He completed fellowships in surgical oncology, tumor immunology, and molecular oncology at the National Cancer Institute. Dr. Stewart has established a national profile in education, scientific research, and cancer care delivery to underserved populations. His clinical interests are in general surgical oncology, focusing on melanoma, tumor immunotherapy, and peritoneal surface malignancies.

Dr. Stewart serves as a director for the American Board of Surgery, the chair of the American College of Surgeons Advisory Council for General Surgery, and a member of the Halsted Society Board of Directors. Best Doctors, Top Doctors, and Top Surgeons have recognized Dr. Stewart for his patient care achievements. In addition, the National Cancer Institute, Amgen, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation have funded his research efforts.

He has published over 100 manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals, including Cancer, Annals of Surgery, JAMA Surgery, the Journal of the American College of Surgeons, the Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, the Journal of Immunotherapy, Annals of Surgical Oncology, the Journal of Surgical Research, Transplantation, Surgery, and Cancer Gene Therapy.

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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-Ellison 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.

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The Medical College of Wisconsin Department of Surgery sponsors eight annual lectures, each honoring the lectureship's namesake for their significant contributions to education, research, and patient care:

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- Edwin H. Ellison Memorial Lectureship
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- C. Morrison Schroeder Lectureship
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