

The Edwin H. Ellison Memorial Lectureship



From 1958 to 1969 Edwin H. Ellison, MD, was a Professor and Chairman of the Division of Surgery of the Medical College of Wisconsin, then Marquette School of Medicine. He was an excellent teacher and surgical scientist. 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 has been established to bring leading educators in general surgery to the Medical College on a regular basis.

Dr. Ellison received his surgical training at Ohio State University College of Medicine under the tutelage of Robert M. Zollinger, MD. Dr. Ellison served on the Ohio State University faculty from 1944 to 1957. He moved to Milwaukee in 1958. During the next eleven years, his major effort was the development of a full time department of surgery for the Medical College of Wisconsin. He was immensely successful and the department's academic reputation soared.

Under his leadership, the faculty made significant contributions to the field of gastrointestinal surgery. These efforts stemmed from Dr. Ellison's earlier work at Ohio State and the discovery with Dr. Zollinger of a disease entity with a pathophysiological interaction between islet cell tumors of the pancreas and the stomach, now widely known as the Zollinger-Elison syndrome.

Dr. Ellison saw the need for an interdisciplinary research facility and in 1961 the Allen-Bradley Medical Science Laboratory was established for the faculty on the grounds of the Milwaukee County Medical Complex. The Allen-Bradley facility is in keeping with the concept of the Medical Center of Southeastern Wisconsin for comprehensive programs of teaching, research, and patient care.

Dr. Ellison was a well-known leader in organized medicine, and served on the editorial boards of prestigious journals. He contributed 161 papers to scientific literature, and shortly before he died had compiled illustrative material for "Ellison's Atlas of Surgery of the Stomach and Duodenum".

His contributions take on more honors with time; his inspiration is hopefully embodied in the Edwin H. Ellison Memorial Lectureship.

Past Speakers

2024

Steven D. Wexner, MD, PhD (*Hon*)
Director, Ellen Leifer Shulman and Steven Shulman Digestive Disease Center
Chairman, Department of Colorectal Surgery, Cleveland Clinic Florida
Clinical Professor of Surgery, Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University

2023

Dana A. Telem, MD, MPH
Lazar J. Greenfield Professor of Surgery
Service Chief of General Surgery
Vice Chair for Quality and Patient Safety, Department of Surgery
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

2022

Jennifer F. Tseng, MD, MPH
James Utley Professor and Chair of Surgery, Boston University School of Medicine
Surgeon-in-Chief, Boston Medical Center

2021

Susan Galandiuk, MD
Professor of Surgery; Director, Division of Colorectal Surgery;
Director, Price Institute of Surgical Research;
Director, Digestive Disease Research Laboratory;
Editor in Chief, Diseases of the Colon and Rectum
University of Louisville School of Medicine

2020

Aurora Pryor, MD
Professor and Chief of Bariatric, Foregut, & Advanced Gastrointestinal Surgery
Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs
Department of Surgery
Stony Brook University

2019

Peter J. Allen, MD
Chief, Division of Surgical Oncology
Department of Surgery
Duke University School of Medicine
Duke University Medical Center

2018

Douglas S. Tyler, MD
University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB)
John Woods Harris Distinguished Chair in Surgery
Professor and Chairman
Department of Surgery

2017

Justin Dimick, MD
University of Michigan Health System
George D. Zuidema Professor of Surgery
Chair of the Division of Minimally Invasive Surgery
Director, Center for Healthcare Outcomes and Policy
Associate Chair for Strategy and Finance

2016

Robert S. D. Higgins, MD, MSHA
Director, Department of Surgery
William Stewart Halsted Professor of Surgery and Surgeon-in-Chief
Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

2015

James Conway, MS, FACHE
Harvard School of Public Health
Institute for Healthcare Improvement

2014

Robin S. McLeod, MD
University of Toronto
Institute of Health Policy Management and Evaluation
Professor, Department of Surgery

2013

Yuman Fong, MD
Memorial Sloan-Kettering
Murray F. Brennan Chair in Surgery
Vice Chair of Technology Development
Department of Surgery
Director, Center for Image-Guided Interventions

2012

John D. Birkmeyer, MD

2011

Douglas L. Fraker, MD

2009

Peter J. Deckers, MD

2008

Nicole S. Gibran, MD

2007

Jay L. Grosfeld, MD

2006

Gregorio A Sicard, MD

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Larry H. Hollier, MD

2004

Bruce E. Jarrell, MD

2003

Carlos A. Pellegrini, MD

2002

Michael G. Sarr, MD

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Hugo Obertop

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R. C. G. Russell, MB

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James Touli, MBBS, PhD

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Murray F. Brennan, MD

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Richard A. Prinz, MD

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Andrew Warshaw, MD

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James Becker, MD

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Keith Kelly, MD

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Chris Ellison, MD

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Edward Passaro, MD

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James Cameron, MD

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Wallace Ritchie, MD

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Robert Hermann, MD

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Courtney Townsend, MD

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Hallie Debas, MD

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David Nahrwold, MD

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Ronald Tompkins, MD

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William Silen, MD

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Paul Jordan, MD

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Carter Nance, MD

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Robert Zeppa, MD

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Mort Grossman, MD

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Ward Griffen, MD

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Jim Thompson, MD