

# EDWIN H. ELLISON, MD



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.

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:

Edwin H. Ellison Lectureship

Jonathan B. Towne Lectureship

Milton A. Lunda Trauma Lectureship

Carl W. Eberbach Lectureship

Marvin Glicklich Lectureship

Gale L. Mendeloff Lectureship

C. Morrison Schroeder Lectureship

Mark B. Adams Transplant Lectureship

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## Edwin H. Ellison Memorial Lectureship

**March 7-8, 2023**

Presented by:

**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*

# The Fiftieth Annual Edwin H. Ellison Memorial Lectureship



Dana A. Telem, MD, MPH is the Lazar J Greenfield Professor and Chief of General Surgery at the University of Michigan. As Chief, she oversees 7 surgical divisions comprised of 44 surgeons and 109 staff. She is also the

Vice Chair for Quality and Safety. Clinically, her practice is focused on advanced laparoscopy, including foregut, hernia, and bariatrics. Academically, she is PI on R01 funded work (NIH/NIDDK) that combines implementation science and policy to advance evidence-based practice across multi-hospital collaboratives. She is particularly focused on answering questions relating to quality and outcomes of minimal access and bariatric surgery. She has authored over 170 peer-reviewed publications. She is Associate Editor for 4 specialty journals: Surgery for Obesity and Related Diseases, Surgical Endoscopy, American Journal of Surgery, and Hernia; and on the Annals of Surgery editorial board. She is the Vice President of SAGES, holds leadership positions across several professional societies; and founded the Michigan Women's Surgical Collaborative. Dr. Telem was elected to the American Surgical Association in 2022.

## *Schedule of Events:*

**Tuesday, March 7, 2023**

**4:00 PM – 5:00 PM CST**

**Case Conference**

HUB for Collaborative Medicine,  
1st floor, A1015/1035

**Wednesday, March 8, 2023**

**7:30 AM – 8:30 AM**

**Department of Surgery**

**Grand Rounds**

**“The Science of Clinical  
and Culture Change”**

Froedtert Hospital  
1st floor, Helfaer Auditorium

**8:30 AM – 9:30 AM**

**Rocking Chair Conference**

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