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Dr. Ellison was born in Minnesota and raised mostly in California, but higher education opportunities lured him to Boston, where he trained to be a psychiatrist at the Mass General Hospital. Subsequently, he spent several decades working as a general and geriatric psychiatrist in several hospitals in or near Boston. He also received a Master of Public Health degree from the Harvard School of Public Health. Throughout his career, he has developed and led clinical programs while also promoting education of the public and of his professional peers. He has worked in diverse settings including emergency psychiatry services, inpatient and outpatient clinical settings, managed care, and private practice.

Dr. Ellison's clinical specialties include the assessment and treatment of neurocognitive disorders in older adults and the evaluation and treatment of resistant mood disorders in later life. His research interests have addressed cognitive and behavioral aspects of the neurocognitive disorders and he has served as a site Principal Investigator in multiple trials of new medications for the treatment of Alzheimer's Disease. He is also the Editor in Chief of the Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry and Neurology and the author or editor of several books about psychiatry.

Dr. Ellison moved to Delaware in 2015 to become the first Swank Foundation Endowed Chair in Memory Care and Geriatrics. His objective in this role is to enhance the care of older adults with neurocognitive disorders in Delaware by increasing their access to state of the art diagnostic tools, clinical assessment and treatment approaches, caregiver support resources, and research trials. He is privileged to work as a geriatric psychiatrist in an interdisciplinary consultation team that includes geriatricians, social workers, a neurologist, and a nurse practitioner devoted to this shared goal of treating people with mild to severe cognitive difficulties and related emotional and behavioral conditions.

Dr. Ellison is the proud father of two young men who share his passion for community service. One majors in premedical studies, the other is a graduate student in philosophy. His partner, Kate, works as a fitness director at McLean Hospital in Belmont, MA. When not working, Dr. Ellison enjoys attending concerts, playing the violin, reading, and looking for time to follow the good advice he gives his patients!