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PROFESSIONAL BIOGRAPHY

Glenn Ellis, Sr., is a renowned medical ethicist, researcher, lecturer, and the president of Strategies for Well-Being, LLC, a consultancy specializing in health education, equity, disparities, advocacy, policy, and communication. Throughout his career, Ellis has championed the ethical protection of patient rights, particularly historically underserved groups in medical care and clinical research.

His dedication to health equity has garnered him widespread respect and recognition from public health experts, physicians, academics, and scientists around the globe.

Ellis has an extensive educational background. Following his undergraduate studies in Health Systems Planning and as a Pre-Med student at the University of Pennsylvania, he earned a Certificate in Health Care Ethics (CHCE) from St. Joseph's University and a Master of Public Health (MPH) from the University of Liverpool. He received fellowships in Bioethics Research and Narrative Medical Ethics from Harvard Medical School Bioethics Center, where he serves as a Capstone Advisor, and was a Visiting Scholar at the National Bioethics Center for Research and Healthcare at Tuskegee University. He is currently a member of the Ethics Committee of the Diaspora Human Genomics Institute (DHGI) at Meharry Medical College.

His extensive research and publications further underscore Ellis' impact on health equity and ethics. He has authored and co-authored numerous papers in prestigious journals, including the American Journal of Public Health, the American Journal of Academic Medicine, the Journal of Philosophy and Ethics, and the Journal of Healthcare, Science, and the Humanities. His books, such as *Which Doctor?* (2008), *Information is the Best Medicine* (2012), and forthcoming titles *A Rising Tide Lifts All Boats: Narrative Essays on Bioethical Dilemmas* (2024) and *The Heart of the Matter: A History of Medicine and its Messengers* (2025), are part of the broad body of work that contributes Ellis' commitment to healthcare, medicine, and public health.

Ellis is a prominent voice in health media. For decades, he wrote a weekly syndicated health column and hosted a public health program on Radio. He also regularly contributes to health segments in print and electronic media nationally. His speaking engagements span a wide array of national and international conferences, where he addresses crucial topics such as Bioethics, Medical History, Cultural and Ethical Considerations in End-of-Life Care, the retention and recruitment of underserved populations in clinical research, and the ethics of race and ethnicity in clinical settings.

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In addition to his academic and media contributions, Ellis served for many years on multiple institutional review boards and ethics committees in Philadelphia: Mercy Health System, Thomas Jefferson Health System, and Drexel University Health System. His professional and organizational affiliations include the College of Physicians – Philadelphia and the National Association of Black Journalists.

Ellis has received numerous honors, including the Pennsylvania NAACP Award for Health and Medicine, the City Council of Philadelphia's recognition for his contributions to medicine and public health education, and an Honorary Doctorate in Science from Oakland University. His expertise and influence in health equity and ethics continue to impact public health and medical research significantly. In 2024, Ellis received an honorary doctorate in Science (D.Sc.) from Oakland University and is currently completing a doctorate in Global Bioethics.