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York University, Toronto ON	B.A.	1970	Economics/Mathematics
Queen's University, Kingston ON	B.Ed.	1972	Education
Queen's University, Kingston ON	M.Sc.	1976	Statistics
University of Western Ontario, London ON	Ph.D.	1979	Biostatistics

### A. Positions and Honors.

#### Positions and Employment

1989-1991 Head, Clinical Trials & Epidemiology, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, Toronto ON  
1991-2002 Professor, Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics, McMaster University, Hamilton ON  
2002-present Senior Scientist, CHES, SickKids Research Institute, Toronto ON  
2002-present Professor, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto, Toronto ON

#### Honors

1977-1979 NHRDP Graduate Fellowship  
1995 Best Paper Award from the Society for Medical Decision Making, co-author  
2000 Research Award for Methodology Excellence, ISPOR, primary author  
2002 Research Award for Methodology Excellence, ISPOR, co-author  
2003 Research Award for Methodology Excellence, ISPOR, co-author

### B. Selected peer-reviewed publications (in chronological order).

(Publications selected from 254 peer-reviewed publications)

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2. **Willan A**. Relative efficiency in survival analysis. *J Chron Dis* 1983; **36**:183-192.
3. Pater J, **Willan A**. Clinical trials as diagnostic tests. *Control Clin Trials* 1984; **5**:107-113.
4. Pater J, **Willan A**. Methodologic issues in trials of antiemetics. *J Clin Oncol* 1984; **2**:484-487.
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6. **Willan A**, Pater J. Carryover and the two-period crossover clinical trial. *Biometrics* 1986; **42**:593-599.
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16. **Willan A**, O'Brien BJ, Cook DJ. Benefit-risk ratios in the assessment of the clinical evidence of a new therapy. *Control Clin Trials* 1997; **18**:121-130.
17. **Willan AR**, O'Brien BJ. Sample size and power issues in estimating incremental cost-effectiveness ratios from clinical trials data. *Health Economics* 1999; **8**:203-211.
18. **Willan AR**, Lin DY. Incremental net benefit in randomized clinical trials. *Stat Med*. 2001; **20**:1563-1574. **PA**
19. **Willan AR**, Analysis, sample size and power for estimating incremental net health benefit from clinical trial data. *Control Clin Trials*. 2001; **22**:228-237.
20. **Willan AR**, O'Brien BJ. Cost prediction models for the comparison of two groups. *Health Economics* 2001; **10**:363-366.
21. **Willan AR**, O'Brien BJ, Leyva RA. Cost-effectiveness analysis when the WTA is greater than the WTP. *Stat Med* 2001; **20**:3251-3259.
22. **Willan AR**. On the probability of cost-effectiveness using data from randomized clinical trials. *BMC Med Res Meth* 2001;1:8. ( [www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2288/1/8/](http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2288/1/8/) )
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24. **Willan AR**, Lin DY, Cook RJ, Chen E. Using inverse-weighting in cost-effectiveness analysis with censored data. *Statistical Methods in Medical Research* 2002; **11**:539-551.
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35. Eckermann S, **Willan AR.** Expected value of information and decision making in HTA. *Health Economics* 2007; **16**: 195-209.
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## C. Research Support

### Ongoing Research Support

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2. National Science and Engineering Council, Expected Value of Information and Optimal Trial Design. **Willan AR** (Principal Investigator) \$70,000, 2008-2013.
3. Canadian Institutes of Health Research, The Bedside Paediatric Early Warning System: a cluster randomized trial of mortality and processes of care. Parshuram C (Principal Investigator), **Willan AR, et al.** \$3,959,716, 2010-2014.

4. Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Sustainability of a multidimensional knowledge translation intervention to improve paediatric pain practices and outcomes. Bonnie Stevens (Principal Investigator), **Willan AR, et al.** \$998,061, 2011-2014.
5. Bill and Belinda Gates Foundation, Parathyroid-vitamin D axis dysregulation in early-onset infant stunting in resource-poor settings. Dan Roth (Principal Investigator), **Willan AR, et al.** \$1,999,993, 2012-2016.
6. Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Impact of Emergency Department Probiotic Treatment of Pediatric Gastroenteritis: Randomized Controlled Trial. Stephen Freedman (Principal Investigator), **Willan AR, et al.** \$2,231,300, 2013-2018.