

George A. Wells, MSc, PhD

Biostatistical consultant

Biographical sketch

Dr. Wells is a Professor in the School of Epidemiology, Public Health and Preventive Medicine and the Department of Medicine at the University of Ottawa. He is also Director of the Cardiovascular Research Methods Centre at the University of Ottawa Heart Institute, and a Senior Scientist Affiliate at the Ottawa Hospital Research Institute of the Ottawa Hospital. Dr. Wells is the recipient of the Professor of the Year Award, University of Ottawa (2011-2012), Excellence in Research Award, University of Ottawa (2013-14), and Investigator of the Year Award, 2015.

His research interests are in the design and analysis of clinical trials, outcomes research, statistical methodology related to health care delivery, systematic reviews and meta-analysis, economic evaluations, and the development and assessment of decision-support technologies for patients and practitioners.

Dr. Wells is the author or coauthor of over 800 published articles and 900 scientific abstracts. He has been the principal investigator or co-investigator on 267 research projects, and has made numerous national and international scientific presentations. He has taught graduate and undergraduate courses at the university level for over 35 years and has supervised or co-supervised 90 master or doctoral students.

Dr. Wells has been on the executive and steering committees of national and international research programs, external safety and efficacy monitoring committees, scientific grant review committees, editorial committees and, scientific advisory committees. In particular, he is currently a member on the Musculoskeletal Review Group editorial board of the International Cochrane Collaboration, CMAJ, Associate Editor of the *Journal of Clinical Epidemiology* and a member of the editorial advisory board of the Canadian Medical Association Journal. He has worked extensively with national and international government and nongovernment research organizations, as well as pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries.

Research Interests

Biostatistics

Clinical trials

Decision Aids

Genetic Statistics

Health Care Delivery
Health Technology Assessment
Mathematical Modelling
Meta-Analysis
Systematic reviews
Biostatistics

Awards

Award of Excellence, University of Ottawa, 2006
Canadian Society for Clinical Investigation Distinguished Scientist Award, 2007
Canadian Institutes of Health Research and the Canadian Medical Association Journal Top Achievements in Health Research Award, 2011
Professor of the Year Award, University of Ottawa, 2011/2012
Excellence in Research Award, University of Ottawa, 2013/2014
Investigator of the Year Award, University of Ottawa Heart Institute, 2015
Research Team Excellence Award, Emergency Research Team, The Ottawa Hospital, 2016

Declaration of Competing Interests

All questions relate to the past 3 years (2015–2017 inclusive).

1. Have you accepted any of the following from an organization that has (or might have) a relationship with CMAJ now or in the future and that might gain or lose financially because of the relationship?

1.1 Reimbursement for attending a symposium

No.

1.2 Speaker Fees

No.

1.3 Fees for educational event

No.

1.4 Research funds

No.

1.5 Funds or gifts for you or a member of your staff

No

1.6 Consulting fees

Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technology for Health (CADTH) for advice on study design and statistical analysis.

2. Do you hold stocks or shares in an organization that might benefit or lose from an existing relationship with CMAJ?

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I am a Professor in the School of Epidemiology, Public Health and Preventive Medicine and the Department of Medicine at the University of Ottawa. I am also Director of the Cardiovascular Research Methods Centre at the University of Ottawa Heart Institute, a Senior Scientist Affiliate at the Ottawa Hospital Research Institute at the Ottawa Hospital, and a Principal Scientist, Institute of Population Health, University of Ottawa. As such, I will excuse myself from reviewing manuscripts authored by close colleagues or those with whom I have an ongoing collaboration.

4. Do you have other competing financial interests?

No.

5. Do you have other competing interests?

I am a member of the Editorial Board of the Musculoskeletal Review Group, International Cochrane Collaboration.

I am an Associate Editor of the *Journal of Clinical Epidemiology*.

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b. Speaker fees _____ Yes No
Details if yes:

c. Fees for educational event _____ Yes No
Details if yes:

d. Research funds _____ Yes No
Details if yes:

e. Funds for a member of your staff _____ Yes No
Details if yes:

f. Consulting fees _____ Yes No
Details if yes:

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Details if yes:

3. Do you have other competing financial interests? Yes No
Details if yes:

4. I have the following other competing interests (*details*):

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