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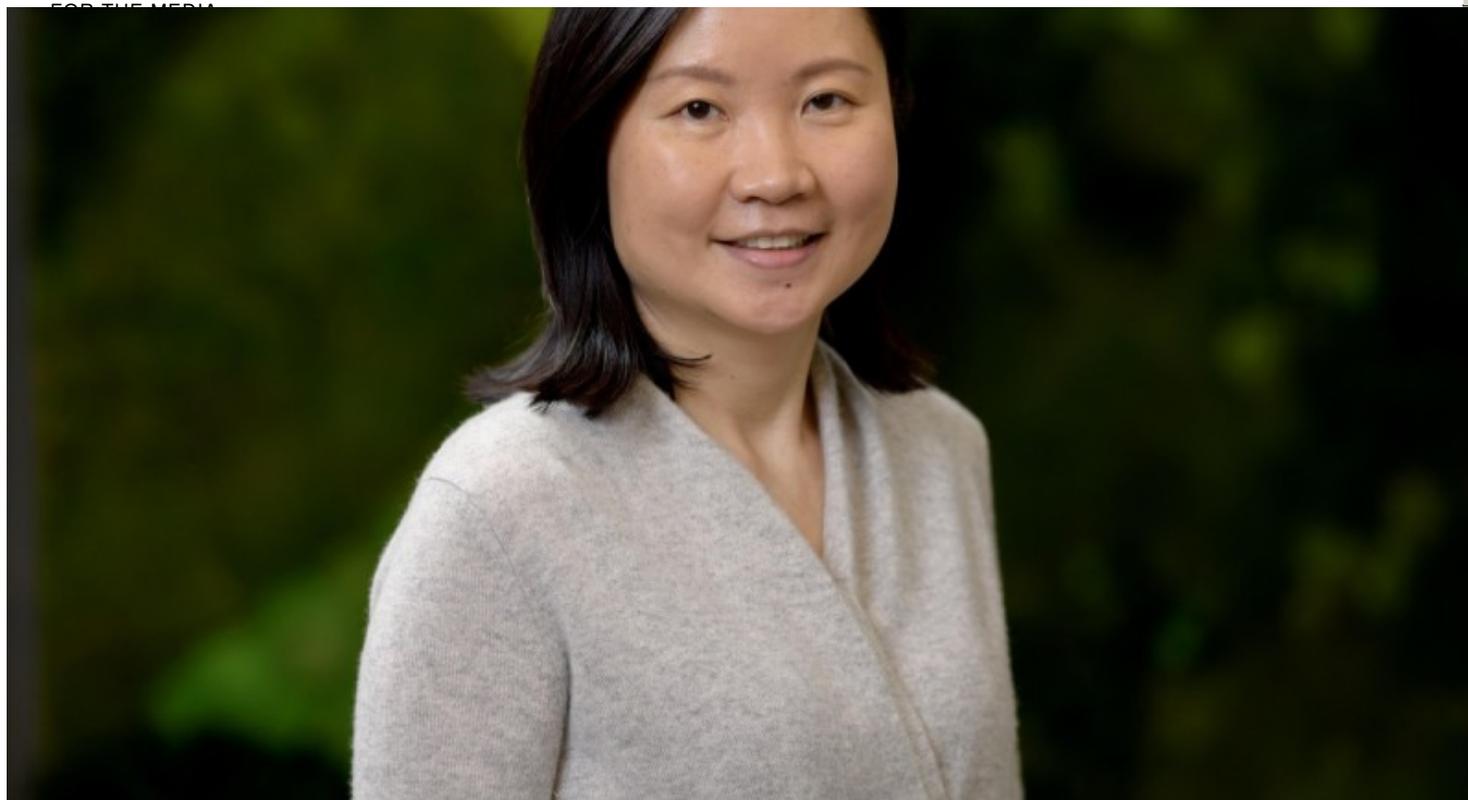
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## Current Research Interests

Dr. Shen's research interest lies in developing statistical and computational genomics approaches and their applications to translational cancer research. She developed iCluster, a statistical data integration method for defining molecular subtypes of cancer and associated biomarkers across multiple "omic" data types simultaneously characterizing genomic, epigenomic, transcriptomic, and proteomic aberrations in a tumor. This method has been widely used in the NCI-NHGRI Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA) project, with many of the primary analyses involving individual cancer sites that were published in a series of articles in Nature employing the method. Together with Dr. Venkatraman Seshan, she developed FACETS, an algorithm that can be used to explore allele-specific copy number aberrations and clonal heterogeneity within a tumor using whole-genome, whole-exome and targeted capture sequencing data. Her recent research interest also includes a novel investigation of somatic variant richness using statistical methodologies developed in ecology and computational linguistics, joint work with Drs. Saptarshi Chakraborty and Colin Begg. This project uses sophisticated statistical tools to extract information from rare variants in existing databases with a view to identifying the site of origin for cancers of unknown primaries and cancers detected from circulating cell-free DNA in the blood. With Drs. Margaret Callahan and Katherine Panageas, she is co-leading a biomarker development effort in linking peripheral blood immune cell phenotype from flow cytometry analysis with clinical outcomes in patients treated with immune checkpoint inhibitors.

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