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Dr. Cho's major areas of interest are the ethical and social impacts of genetic research, genetic testing and gene therapy, and how conflicts of interest affect the conduct of academic biomedical research. Her current research projects include: a study of factors affecting patients' and practitioners' use of genetic tests for hereditary breast and ovarian cancer, a study of the roles of heredity and race or ethnicity in the stigmatization of genetic conditions, ethical issues in pharmacogenetics and bioinformatics, a study of the effect of gene patenting on the delivery of clinical genetics services, and an analysis of university policies on academic-industry ties.