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Dr. Julie Mirpuri is a neonatologist, physician-scientist, Women in STEM and DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) advocate at UT Southwestern Medical Center. She is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics where she practices neonatology and has an independent basic science and translational laboratory. She has been highly productive in her research focused on the role of maternal diet and the microbiome on mucosal immunity and susceptibility to neonatal necrotizing enterocolitis in offspring. She has served on several NIH study sections and as an educator, Dr. Mirpuri has mentored several junior faculty, fellows, residents, medical students and college students. Dr. Mirpuri also serves on several national committees including the executive committee of the Southern Society for Pediatric Research and the American Association of Immunologists (AAI). She has been an active member on both and has also been involved with the AAI to promote vaccine awareness using social media platforms. Nationally, she was competitively selected as an IF/THEN ambassador in 2019 and continues to be active in this role to increase visibility of women in STEMM among middle school girls.