

## **Region 4 Representative**



**Candidate:** Debora Duro, MD, MS

**Primary City of Practice:** Fort Lauderdale, Florida

### **Statement of Interest/Bio:**

Dr. Debora Duro is currently the Program Director of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition and Medical Director “FIRST for Children” (Florida Intestinal Rehabilitation Support and Treatment) Program at Salah Foundation Children’s Hospital at Broward Health Medical Center in Ft Lauderdale, FL, USA. She graduated as an MD from the Pontificia University Catholic of Rio Grande do Sul in Brazil and thereafter obtained her pediatric residency training at Miami Children Hospital. She did her clinical fellowship in Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition at Boston Children Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital, both affiliated with Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA where she also stayed as a clinical faculty for 4 years after fellowship as a medical staff at Boston Children Hospital in the Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition Division and served as an Instructor in Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School.

She has a Master of Science degree in Dietetics and Nutrition at Florida International University, Miami, FL and also certified on Plant Based Nutrition by Cornell University, NY and chef coaching and the school of Public Health at Harvard University. Dr Duro is passionate about health eating, healthy lifestyle for children and culinary medicine. She holds an appointment as an Associate Professor in Clinical Pediatrics at Florida International University in Miami and Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, both in Florida. Dr. Duro was currently appointed the vice chair of the Nutrition Committee of the North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition NASPGHAN in 2021.

Dr. Duro plans to work for healthy nutrition for children, underprivilege children and improvement in school lunches incorporating plant based options. Also with sensible issues like gun control laws, access to health care by adolescents, LGBTQ rights for teens and for increased fund for all pediatricians.