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Julie McKinney is the Global Director of Microbiology and Virology at Reckitt Benckiser, a company united in the relentless pursuit of a cleaner, healthier world. Through research and development, science and partnership, they make products that people have loved and trusted for generations including Lysol and Dettol. Julie holds a PhD in Food Science and Technology as well as an MS in Environmental Science from Virginia Tech. After completing a Post-Doctoral Fellowship program funded by Pepsi Co and the Sara Lee Corporation, Julie moved into the corporate world at Pfizer Consumer healthcare and later Glaxo Smith Kline Consumer Healthcare. During her time in the Consumer Healthcare space, she quickly moved from bench scientist working on ways to enhance probiotic stability to leadership roles, including Global Director of Formulation for Emulsion and Semi-Solids and finally Global Director of Microbiology. She considers her role at RB a dream job, leading a skilled team of Microbiologists, Chemists and Consumer Scientists conducting research to support RBs life changing brands. When she is not obsessing about science, she enjoys sailing and relaxing by the water with her husband and two small children.