Dr. Arti Prasad has assumed the Hennepin Health System’s (HHS) new Chief of Medicine position as of August 2017. She holds Scott F. Davies Endowed Chair of Medicine position and faculty appointment as Professor of Medicine at the University of Minnesota. The Medicine Department is the largest department at HHS with 180 faculty and 70 APP’s and provides outstanding clinical care in 16 specialties, has recognized teaching programs, and a broad research portfolio through the Minneapolis Medical Research Foundation (MMRF). HHS conducted a national search via Witt Kieffer search firm, to identify the right person to lead the department into the future.

Dr. Prasad moved from the University of New Mexico where she was a Professor of Internal Medicine and the Chief of the Division of General Internal Medicine, Geriatrics and Integrative Medicine. At the University of New Mexico, her interest in integrative and inter-cultural health, inter-professional education, community engagement, and physician wellbeing led her to develop the Center for Life, a center for patient care, learning, and community education. Starting with only a $5,000 budget, she developed a center that today receives broad financial support from UNM, the state legislature, and private donors. Center for Life has received national recognition for its patient-centered clinical care and outcomes, innovative teaching programs, and wellness initiatives throughout New Mexico. The breadth of Dr. Prasad’s experience and the clarity of her vision of the future of patient care are impressive.

Nationally, she is the first woman of color Chair of Internal Medicine who has a background and expertise in primary care and integrative health. She is an ELUM from the class of 2005 and is grateful for everything that she has learnt from being in ELAM. She continues her learning and leadership development
through her ELUM courses and networking with other great ELUMs and ELAM fellows.