

THE DECADE PLAN: TEN-YEAR ASPIRATIONS

We aspire to be the model for the U.S. in how to generate new knowledge in the laboratory and apply that knowledge to patients, ultimately leveraging success to improving the health of the public: “from cell to bedside; and from bedside to society.” Leading through complex innovation requires natural collaboration, one of the most fundamental characteristics of the Academical Village, and one that distinguishes the University of Virginia.

Through the establishment of the University of Virginia Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (VICTR), a cross-Grounds collaboration will provide a model on how to translate research into ideas and products that can ultimately benefit society (“from cells to bedside”). Through these collaborations, we will seek to develop individualized programs for cancer prevention and treatment, novel ways to prevent or treat addiction, and even how to re-grow a limb through tissue engineering.

We will continue to serve our diverse constituencies, from the individual patient with a simple head cold to the global health care issues facing our world. We will create new models eventually with a School of Public Health addressing the complex legal, ethical, economic, quality, disparity, and cost issues associated with our global society (“from bedside to society”). We will work with patients to educate them on how to be involved in their own care decisions, while training our physicians to know how best to educate their patients. We will seek to eliminate health care disparities, both in the U.S. and around the world. We will develop the model academic health system, incorporating integrated technologies, innovative staffing solutions, state-of-the-art treatment and research facilities and attracting the next generation of health care providers who seek to lead us into a new era of medicine.

As realized through the Decade Plan, these models will result in widespread benefits and will generate significant visibility such that the University of Virginia will achieve top status as a healthcare institution within 10 years. The University of Virginia Health System will be recognized for its Models for all of U.S. and will embody Jefferson’s vision of the University: “A blessing to my own state and not unuseful to some others.”