NexGen Curriculum: Design Goals and Principles

Goals of Curriculum Change
The Curriculum Committee developed five goals that were designed to guide the Curriculum Development process. These five goals are:

1: Assure all graduates demonstrate mastery of the 12 UVA School of Medicine Competencies required of the Contemporary Physician (See Appendix B).
2: Integrate content around the organ systems
3: Integrate clinical and basic science content across the four years and within systems.
4: Utilize more active learning methodologies and provide a learner-centered curriculum.
5: Provide frequent and developmental opportunities for clinical skill learning throughout the curriculum.

These goals have been held up as the standard throughout the curriculum development process for Phase I of the Next Generation Curriculum. Of these goals, Goal 1 defines the content of the curriculum and represents the least change from the existing curriculum. Goals 2, 3 and 5 define key elements of the Next Generation Curriculum where Goals 2 and 3 have been extensively used in the design of the Systems and Goal 5 has informed the creation and development of the Clinical Performance Development Course. Finally, Goal 4 is directed at the instructional strategies that are to be implemented in the Next Generation Curriculum.