

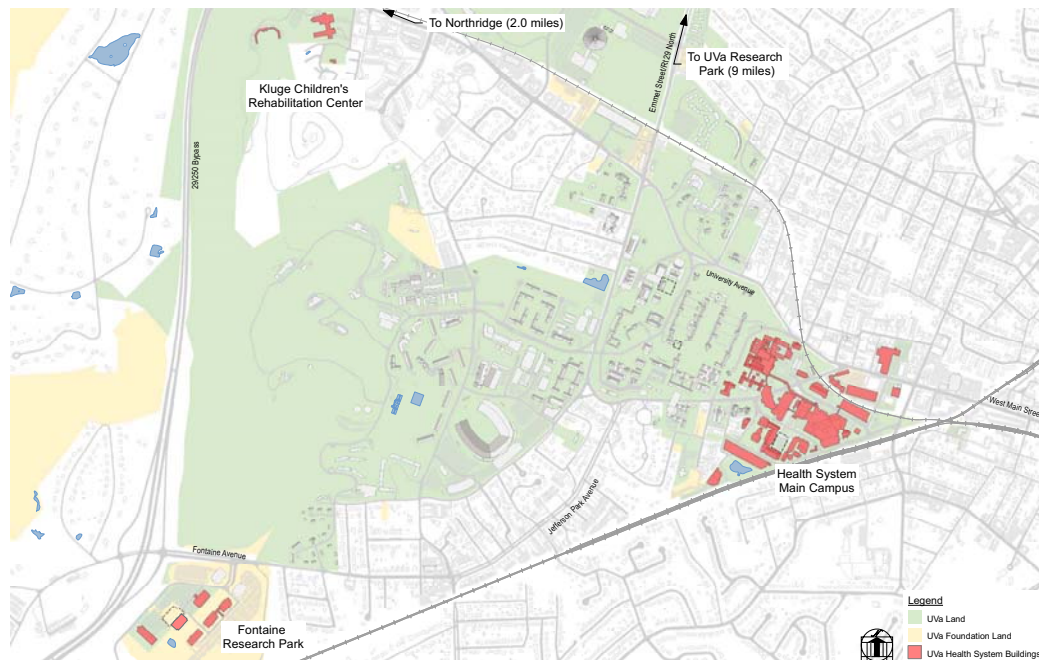
Introduction

The University of Virginia Health System has its origins in the early 1800's – including the Thomas Jefferson-designed Anatomical Theater, followed by the establishment of the first free-standing infirmary (Varsity Hall) in 1857. The Health System (HS) today includes major hospital facilities, outpatient clinics and services, the School of Medicine (SOM) and the School of Nursing (SON), which are predominately located on the University of Virginia (UVA) Grounds with additional facilities distributed in adjacent communities. As a center of health care, teaching and research, the UVA Health System embodies the fundamentals of translational medicine. This continuum of applying biogenetic insights from laboratory discovery to clinical care—"bench to bedside"—relies on interdisciplinary and cross organizational collaborations. It is this premise of fostering collaboration among the academic, research and clinical functions of the Health System, coupled with the opportunity to create an environment that is welcoming and conducive to healing, that underlies the guiding principles for this 2010 Health System Area Plan.

Today's **Health System** is a nationally recognized academic, research, clinical and acute care center. The **medical center** is an integrated network of primary and specialty inpatient and outpatient care services, including the hospital, ranging from wellness programs and routine checkups to the most technologically advanced care. The Health System facilities total more than 5 million square feet, expanding to several diverse clinical services and research facilities in the regional area and greater Virginia.

The core of the University Health System district is the most densely developed and urbanized portion of the University Grounds. The future expansion of this 60-acre district will increase its density, but will be balanced with the addition of green space, wellness and recreational amenities.

In 2008, the University completed the Grounds Plan, which guides future land use planning/physical growth for the University, capitalizing on the potential of existing and new facilities to offer superior



Health System locations map