## **EXAMPLE: PRACTICE DESIGN SUMMARY**

Goal: body that comfortably performs necessary and desired activities

Coordinated with other elements of body health:

Good nutrition & supplements; clean environment Medical care: general; specific, e.g. eye, dental

physical exams and tests

home diagnostics, e.g. weight, blood pressure

non-traditional, e.g. acupuncture, herbs

Other physical activities, e.g. sports, hiking

Fitness Capabilities: Flexibility Balance

Strength Agility
Coordination Endurance

Body parts: Head & neck Hands & Feet

Torso: front, back, sides Internal Organs

Pelvic area / hips Skin

Body Structural Elements: bones, muscles, joints, ligaments, tendons, cartilage, fascia

Body systems: Nervous, Cardiovascularpulmonary, Lymphatic

Mental focus and direction: calm, clarity, concentration, attention

- 1) mental capabilities: judgment, etc. -- list
- 2) brain biochemistry
- 3) mental behavioral habits

## Routine

Includes:

- stretching & mobility of joints, limbs, all body parts in multiple directions and orientations: upright, inverted, prone, supine, twisted, rotated
- 2) strengthening exercises for essentially all muscles, bones, joints, connecting tissue;
- incorporation of principles of chakra energy focus, Qi flow, prana breath flow
- 4) warmup followed by manageable increases in stress/strain
- 5) counterposes (pratikryasana) employed throughout routine

Routine can be as strenuous as desired through practice frequency, asana selection, and difficulty of: form, duration, repetitions/duration, intensity

Routine can be daily or spread over several days -- the point is to have a repeatable routine that fully exercises the body according to yoga principles.