

CONVERSATIONS UNLIMITED - Monday, May 26, 1986

INTRO UP AND UNDER

Hi, everybody. The arrival of Memorial Day signals the beginning of warm weather and swimming pools for those of us who live in the Northeast. Ah...there's nothing like the refreshing water of the backyard swimming pool after a hot day of work. But that same happy place can become a death trap if not properly protected. Today we'll be talking with Dr. Thomas M. Biancaniello, assistant professor of clinical pediatrics at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Dr. Biancaniello prepared a program for the Pediatric Ground Rounds in Stony Brook's Health Sciences Center during late May. It was called: "Swimming Pools: The Drowning Fields." That's a rather grim title, Dr. Biancaniello.

INTERVIEW DR. BIANCANIELLO:

- The grimness of a backyard drowning
- Statistics
- Safety precautions:
 - Pool owners
 - Parents
- What to do with a pool accident victim
 - Water intake
 - Bleeding injury
 - Head injury
- When to start swimming lessons for youngsters
- What other precautions parallel swim safety?
- Final words of advice:
 - How soon after eating?
 - Never swim alone?
 - Safety floats etc. in water?

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We'll take a short break now. When we return, we'll be talking with Dr. Biancaniello about some other concerns parents may have about their youngsters. Please stay with us.

BRIDGE MUSIC UP AND UNDER

Hi. I'm Al Oickle, and I'm at the State University of New York at Stony Brook at with Dr. Thomas M. Biancaniello. Dr. Biancaniello is on the faculty at Stony Brook, in the Department of Pediatrics at the Health Sciences Center. Dr. Biancaniello has been talking with us about water safety for children. He has other interests, of course, and his specialty is pediatric cardiology -- children's heart conditions. I'm afraid, Dr. Biancaniello, that too many of us think of heart disease as a problem of the elderly. It's just not so, is it?

INTERVIEW DR. BIANCANIELLO:

- Statistics
- Types of heart problems in children
- What signs should parents look for
- Heart conditions and sports: running/enlarged heart
- What's new in surgery for hearts? *— NON-SURGERY*
- What's new in medication for hearts?
- What's ahead?

29:00

OUTRO

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*Suffolk fencing laws
— 10/85 ^{in-spa} pool must be fenced in*

*ICU Aug '80 - thru '84 - 18 DR. Adam.
6 died 1 - 5 yrs*