

CONVERSATIONS UNLIMITED - Monday, Oct. 14, 1985

INTRO UP AND UNDER

Hi, everybody. Our subject today is AIDS, the health condition that is receiving more attention than any other health topic since heart transplants and Legionaire's Disease were thrust into the public spotlight during the past few years.

The public interest in heart transplants is not in the same category, however. It is not a mysterious threat, like Legionaire's Disease and now the condition known as acquired immune deficiency syndrome. I find it paradoxical that interest in AIDS has spread through mass media coverage of film actor Rock Hudson's illness and death and through the fear of parents to have their children attend classes with youngsters who have been identified as having AIDS.

Myths and mistakes seem to have taken over in some places, and something very much like hysteria and unreasoning responses have occurred throughout the land. Today, we'll talk about AIDS. we'll try to give you the truth. We ask only that you listen carefully, and consider what we have to say.

With me is Jane Holmes, coordinator of the Long Island AIDS Project, which is located in the School of Allied Health Professions at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Ms. Holmes, you've been with the Long Island project now for more than a year. You've seen the number of cases more than double. Public interest has undergone a major upsurge during the year, hasn't it.

INTERVIEW HOLMES

- What is AIDS?
- Review history of incidents
- Risk groups
- Explode some myths: touching hands
 kissing
 sitting on same toilet seats
- Children with AIDS: how acquired
- Review carriers, non-carriers, blood conditions
- Ethical dilemma of informing carriers

14:00

We'll take a short break and return in a moment to talk more about AIDS, and about the need for education.

BRIDGE MUSIC UP AND UNDER

Hi. I'm Al Oickle, and I'm at the State University of New York at Stony Brook with Jane Holmes of the Long Island AIDS Project. How many counterparts as coordinator do you have?
INTERVIEW HOLMES on Stony Brook project - its history, work etc.

29:00 - OUTRO