CONVERSATIONS UNLIMITED - Tuesday, Sept. 16, 1986
INTRO UP AND UNDER

Hi, everybody. The headlines in newspapers and magazines in the past few months have themselves told a story about a disease discovered only a decade ago. The New York Times headline early in September said: "Health Officials Warn Public on Lyme Disease." The Times had reported earlier, "Tick Illnesses Rise in Suffolk" County. And a Long Island weekly newspaper's headline reported: "Cure Found But Caution Urged."

A major participant in this medical drama is Dr. Raymond Dattwyler, an internist-immunologist in the School of Medicine at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Dr. Dattwyler directs a busy Lyme Disease clinic at Stony Brook's University Hospital, and is active in research. I suppose we ought to begin, Dr. Dattwyler, by explaining how this disease was discovered and why it's called Lyme disease.

INTERVIEW DR. DATTWYLER:

- -- Origin of name and discovery
- -- Link to 1909 European outbreak?
- -- One headline: "A New Social Disease?"
- -- Rise of cases in U.S. since 1975
 - * Suffolk children
- -- Symptoms
- -- Treatment
- -- "Cure" near?
- -- Continuing research
- -- Clinic work
- -- Outlook for: diagnosing, reporting, treatment, elimination (?)

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