

**QUARTERLY LIST  
OF  
COMMUNITY ISSUES  
AND  
RESPONSIVE PROGRAMS**

July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021

In an ongoing effort to serve the public interest, KZLS-AM and its owner, Chisholm Trail Broadcasting Inc., offer a variety of programming responsive to the issues of concern to the listening audience. Below is a list of the station's most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period of July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021.

**During the third quarter of 2021 the following compliancy issues were covered:**

Aging	Health Care
Arts and Culture	Hunger
Auto Safety	Insurance
Child Safety	Internet Harassment
Children and Youth at Risk	Jails and Prisons
Climate Change	Local Government
Consumer Safety	Medicine and Culture
Consumerism	Mental Health
COVID-19 Pandemic	Mental Illness
Crime	Parenting Issues
Criminal Justice	Pets and People
Diet	Police
Disabilities	Poverty
Disaster Preparedness	Prevention
Drug Overdoses and Opioids	Prosecution
Economics	Public Health
Education	Public Safety
Elderly and Senior Citizens	Recidivism
Employment Issues	Roads and Traffic Safety
Environment	Severe Weather
Ethics	Social Isolation
Euthanasia	Technology
Family Issues	Technology and Health
Federal Government and Regulation	Volunteer Organizations
Food and Nutrition	Women's Issues
Gender Issues	

See weekly logs below for segment dates, titles, topics, guests & duration.

**Program 21-27**

**Air Week:** 7/4/21

**Executive Producer:** Reed Pence

**Studio Production:** Jason Dickey

**SEGMENT 1: WHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND TRAUMA CARE COLLIDE**

**Time:** 1:50

**Duration:** 12:43

**Synopsis:** Many patients arrive in the emergency room as a result of violence or car crashes—events in which police have an investigative interest. Sometimes, police needs clash with trauma care, and priorities are hashed out case by case. Experts discuss which priorities come first and when, and the procedures needed to smooth out sometimes contentious interaction.

**Host & Producer:** Reed Pence

**Guests:** Dr. Sara Jacoby, Asst. Prof. of Family and Community Health, Univ. of Pennsylvania School of Nursing; Dr. Michael Gerardi, emergency physician and Past President, American College of Emergency Physicians

**Compliance issues:** Prison and Criminal Justice; Public Health; Ethics; Law Enforcement; Public Safety; Police

**Links for more info:**

[Sara F. Jacoby, MPH, MSN, PhD – Penn Nursing](#)

[Dr. Michael Gerardi – Emergency Medical Associates](#)

**SEGMENT 2: THE PSYCHOLOGY OF PROCRASTINATION**

**Time:** 15:35

**Duration:** 7:08

**Synopsis:** Most people procrastinate at least now and then. But when we put something off, we're usually facing not a time management problem, but an emotion management problem. Experts discuss what's going on in our heads when we procrastinate.

**Host:** Nancy Benson

**Producer:** Regan Huston

**Guests:** Dr. Tim Pynchyl, Assoc. Prof. of Psychology, Carleton Univ.; Dr. Christine Li, clinical psychologist and procrastination coach

**Compliance issues:** Psychology and Pop Culture; Mental Health; Consumerism

**Links for more info:**

[Tim Pynchyl, PhD – Carleton University](#)

[Christine Li, PhD – Procrastination coach](#)

**Program 21-28**

**Air Week:** 7/11/21

**Executive Producer:** Reed Pence

**Studio Production:** Jason Dickey

**SEGMENT 1: HOW TO SPEED UP YOUR DRIVE: DON'T TURN LEFT**

**Time:** 1:42

**Duration:** 11:41

**Synopsis:** Traffic engineers are learning that they can increase road efficiency and safety by eliminating left turns at many busy intersections, even those that have left turn arrows. This increases distance traveled for some people--some may have to make three right turns instead--but virtually everyone benefits in travel time, as package carrier UPS has learned. A traffic engineer and UPS official discuss how it could work.

**Host & Producer:** Reed Pence

**Guests:** Patrick Browne, Vice President of Sustainability, UPS; Dr. Vikash Gayah, Assoc. Prof. of Civil Engineering, Pennsylvania State Univ.; Dan McMackin, PR Manager, UPS

**Compliance issues:** Pollution; Local Government; Roads and Traffic Safety; Environment

**Links for more info:**

Green Biz: Patrick Browne

Penn State College of Engineering: Dr. Vikash Gayah

**SEGMENT 2: RETHINKING DEMENTIA**

**Time:** 14:25

**Duration:** 8:03

**Synopsis:** Dementia has a much wider range than most people think, and people with dementia are usually functional for years. An expert discusses the course of the disease and how life can still be positive for years before it reaches the late, debilitating stage most people think of when they hear the word "dementia."

**Host:** Nancy Benson

**Producer:** Reed Pence

**Guests:** Dr. Tia Powell, Prof. of Psychiatry and Bioethics, Albert Einstein College of Medicine and author, *Dementia Reimagined: Building a Life of Joy and Dignity From Beginning to End*

**Compliance issues:** Health Care; Elderly and Senior Citizens; Aging; Public Health

**Links for more info:**

Tia Powell, MD – Center for Bioethics and Masters in Bioethics at Montefiore Health Systems and Albert Einstein College of Medicine

**Program 21-29**

**Air Week:** 7/18/21

**Executive Producer:** Reed Pence

**Studio Production:** Jason Dickey

**SEGMENT 1: ADVANCES AGAINST LUNG CANCER**

**Time:** 1:50

**Duration:** 11:27

**Synopsis:** More people die of lung cancer than breast, prostate, and colon cancer combined. A decade ago, a lung cancer diagnosis was often a death sentence. But now treatments are being developed that mean it can often be treated, especially if screening detects it early. A patient/advocate and researcher discuss.

**Host & Producer:** Reed Pence

**Guests:** Bonnie Addario, founder, Addario Lung Cancer Medical Institute, Co-Chair, Go-2 Foundation for Lung Cancer and author, *The Living Room: A Lung Cancer Community of Courage*; Dr. Ferdinandos Skoulidis, Asst. Prof. of Thoracic Head and Neck Medical Oncology, Univ. of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

**Compliance issues:** Economics; Health Care; Ethics; Public Health

**Links for more info:**

[Foundation for Lung Cancer: History of the Bonnie J. Addario Lung Cancer Foundation \(ALCF\)](#)

[MD Anderson Cancer Center: Dr. Ferdinandos Skoulidis' profile](#)

**SEGMENT 2: POOR AND RURAL KIDS IN CRISIS**

**Time:** 14:19

**Duration:** 7:06

**Synopsis:** A study by Save the Children shows on a county-by-county basis that children in poor and rural counties, especially in the south, are much less likely to survive into adulthood, and when they do, they're often forced to become adults too soon by poverty, pregnancy, and lack of education. A Save the Children expert discusses factors that hurt children and ways they might be alleviated.

**Host:** Nancy Benson

**Producer:** Scarlett O'Hara

**Guests:** Sarah Luciano, Director of Media and Communications, Save the Children US Programs and Advocacy

**Compliance issues:** Public Health; Crime; Teen Pregnancy; Hunger; Children and Youth at Risk; Poverty; Education

**Links for more info:**

[Save the Children – The Best and Worst States for Children During Covid](#)

**Program 21-30**

**Air Week:** 7/25/21

**Executive Producer:** Reed Pence

**Studio Production:** Jason Dickey

**SEGMENT 1: WE ARE NOT OK**

**Time:** 1:50

**Duration:** 12:43

**Synopsis:** Where COVID-19 vaccination is high, it's a getting-back-to-normal world after the pandemic. But even some vaccinated people won't return to normal for months or years because of the psychological effects. Experts discuss why this occurs and how people can help themselves return to mental health.

**Host:** Reed Pence

**Producers:** Reed Pence & Scarlett O'Hara

**Guests:** Dr. Luana Marques, Assoc. Prof. of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School and President, Anxiety and Depression Assn. of America; Dr. Chris Segrin, Prof. and head of Communications Dept., Univ. of Arizona; Catherine Ettman, Director of Strategic Initiatives and Chief of Staff, Boston Univ. School of Public Health

**Compliance issues:** Health Care; Public Health; Employment Issues; Mental Health; COVID-19 Pandemic

**Links for more info:**

[Dr. Luana Marques Bio](#)

[The University of Arizona: Dr. Chris Segrin](#)

[Boston University School of Public Health](#)

**NATIONAL HELPLINE: 1-800-662-HELP**

**SEGMENT 2: ELDERLY INJURIES**

**Time:** 15:35

**Duration:** 7:08

**Synopsis:** A new study shows that people over age 70 are three times more likely than younger people to die when they fall. Older people also take more medications with a fall risk, and which pose a risk themselves when someone taking them falls. Experts discuss these complications and why it's important to prevent falls and other injuries.

**Host:** Nancy Benson

**Producer:** Scarlett O'Hara

**Guests:** Dr. Julius Cheng, Prof. of Surgery, Univ. of Rochester Medical Center; Dr. Robin Lee, team lead, Safety Promotion Team, Center for Disease Control & Prevention

**Compliance issues:** Aging; Auto Safety; Drug Overdoses and Opioids; Elderly and Senior Citizens; Public Health

**Links for more info:**

[University of Rochester Medical Center](#)

[Center for Disease Control & Prevention](#)

[CDC: Injury Center](#)

**Program 21-31**

**Air Week:** 8/1/21

**Executive Producer:** Reed Pence

**Studio Production:** Jason Dickey

**SEGMENT 1: HOSPITAL PRICE TRANSPARENCY**

**Time:** 1:42

**Duration:** 11:41

**Synopsis:** Hospitals are now required to post prices for many procedures on their websites, including cash prices and what insurers pay. The intent of the federal rule is to allow patients to shop around, putting pressure on hospitals to compete on price. However, many hospitals have yet to follow the rule. Experts discuss the rule, its likely outcome, and how patients can use it to their advantage.

**Host:** Reed Pence

**Producer:** Libby Foster

**Guests:** Cynthia Foster, founder and Chairman, PatientRightsAdvocate.org; George Nation, Prof. of Law, Lehigh University

**Compliance issues:** Health Care; Insurance; Federal Government and Regulation; Public Health; Economics; Technology

**Links for more info:**

[PatientRightsAdvocate.org](https://PatientRightsAdvocate.org)

[Lehigh University Profile: George Nation](#)

**SEGMENT 2: SOMETIMES NOT MAN'S BEST FRIEND: DOG BITES**

**Time:** 14:25

**Duration:** 8:03

**Synopsis:** Nearly 40 percent of American homes have a dog, and while dogs may be “man’s best friend,” sometimes they bite, and sometimes with serious consequences. An expert who has studied dog bites discusses the reality of breed temperament, especially when children are around, how to prevent bites, and whether breeds with dangerous reputations deserve them.

**Host:** Nancy Benson

**Producer:** Reed Pence

**Guests:** Dr. Charles Elmaraghy, Chief, Pediatric Otolaryngology, Nationwide Children’s Hospital and Assoc. Prof. of Otolaryngology, The Ohio State Univ College of Medicine

**Compliance issues:** Pets and People; Children and Youth at Risk; Education; Family Issues; Child Safety

**Links for more info:**

[Dr. Charles Elmaraghy](#)

**Program 21-32**

**Air Week:** 8/8/21

**Executive Producer:** Reed Pence

**Studio Production:** Jason Dickey

**SEGMENT 1: DANGER SIGNS IN THE INCREASE IN EXTREME WEATHER**

**Time:** 1:50

**Duration:** 12:29

**Synopsis:** Climate change has been discussed as a serious issue impacting future generations. However, the recent rash of extreme weather worldwide, which has killed hundreds, is making scientists wonder if we have reached a turning point more quickly than we thought. Experts explain how climate change results in droughts, floods, and other severe weather and the signals it provides of danger immediately ahead.

**Host & Producer:** Reed Pence

**Guests:** Dr. Jennifer Francis, Senior Scientist, Woodwell Climate Research Center; Dr. Radley Horton, climate scientist, Columbia Univ. Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory; Dr. Walt Robinson, Prof. of Atmospheric Sciences, North Carolina State Univ.

**Compliance issues:** Economics; Disaster Preparedness; Severe Weather; Climate Change; Environment; Public Safety

**Links for more info:**

[Woodwell Climate Research Center](#)

[Columbia Climate School](#)

[North Carolina State University: Marine, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences](#)

**SEGMENT 2: SYNESTHESIA: THE COLOR OF SOUNDS AND OTHER STRANGE PERCEPTIONS**

**Time:** 15:21

**Duration:** 7:39

**Synopsis:** Some people have an unusual merging of senses, where they routinely see colors in sounds or numbers, see time visually, or have other perception differences. Artists sometimes have synesthesia, and researchers are beginning to study it to see how it might be tapped to help the rest of us. Experts explain.

**Host:** Nancy Benson

**Producer:** Scarlett O'Hara

**Guests:** Izzy Kornblau, synesthete; Dr. Richard Cytowic, Clinical Prof. of Neurology, George Washington Univ.

**Compliance issues:** Medicine and Culture; Education; Arts and Culture

**Links for more info:**

[Dr. Richard Cytowic](#)

[Izzy Kornblau's YouTube Channel](#)

**Program 21-33**

**Air Week:** 8/15/21

**Executive Producer:** Reed Pence

**Studio Production:** Jason Dickey

**SEGMENT 1: PSYCHOLOGY OF ADOPTION: BIRTH MOTHERS**

**Time:** 1:47

**Duration:** 13:51

**Synopsis:** Adoption and how it is carried out have well-studied psychological effects on adoptees. However, how birth mothers are affected by giving up their child is less well studied. Birth mothers have historically been shunned and stigmatized, and often still do not receive the grief counseling and mental health services they need. Open vs. closed adoptions also differ. An expert psychologist and birth mother-author discuss.

**Host:** Reed Pence

**Producer:** Libby Foster

**Guests:** Hope Baker, birth mother of adopted child and author, *Finding Hope: A Birthmother's Journey Into the Light*; Dr. Jeanette Yoffe, foster and adoption therapist and founder, Celia Center

**Compliance issues:** Children and Youth at Risk; Mental Health; Parenting Issues

**Links for more info:**

[On Your Feet Foundation: Adoption Education](#)

[GoodReads: Finding Hope: A Birthmother's Journey into the Light](#)

[Celia Center: Support for All Members of the Foster Care and Adoption Constellation](#)

[Celia Center: Board Members](#)

**SEGMENT 2: THE DANGER OF SYMPTOM SEARCHING ON THE INTERNET**

**Time:** 16:40

**Duration:** 6:13

**Synopsis:** One of the most popular searches on Google is for symptoms and what they mean. It's created a much more well informed patient population, but one that may panic at the least pain or discomfort. Two experts discuss how to think of symptoms and how to search for them.

**Host:** Nancy Benson

**Producer:** Reed Pence

**Guests:** Dr. Mark Eisenberg, Assoc. Prof. of Medicine, Columbia Univ, and Dr. Christopher Kelly, Raleigh NC cardiologist, co-authors, *Am I Dying: A Complete Guide to Your Symptoms and What to Do Next*

**Compliance issues:** Technology; Health Care; Technology and Health

**Links for more info:**

[AmIDying?! podcast featuring Dr. Eisenberg & Dr. Kelly](#)



**Program 21-34**

**Air Week:** 8/22/21

**Executive Producer:** Reed Pence

**Studio Production:** Jason Dickey

**SEGMENT 1: VETERINARIAN STRESS AND SUICIDE**

**Time:** 1:51

**Duration:** 12:39

**Synopsis:** A new CDC report shows that suicide among veterinarians is much higher than in the general population. Experts discuss the unique stresses that affect these professionals, including financial, compassion fatigue, euthanasia, and online harassment. They also discuss measures being taken to prevent mental health struggles and suicide.

**Host & Producer:** Reed Pence

**Guests:** Dr. Jason Sweitzer, veterinarian, Moorpark, CA and founding board member, Not One More Vet; Dr. Debbie Stoewen, Veterinarian and social worker

**Compliance issues:** Suicide; Pets and People; Economics; Mental Health; Gender Issues; Euthanasia; Internet Harassment

**Links for more info:**

[Emergency Vet 24/7](#)

[Pets + Us](#)

[NotOneMoreVet.org](#)

[LifeLearn Animal Health](#)

**SEGMENT 2: "NURSEMAID'S ELBOW"**

**Time:** 15:32

**Duration:** 7:24

**Synopsis:** Swinging small children around by their arms may be fun, but it can lead to a very common injury, "nursemaid's elbow," an elbow dislocation, and each instance makes the next more likely. Physicians who treat it—and have experienced it in their own children—discuss the injury, its treatment and prevention.

**Host:** Nancy Benson

**Producer:** Scarlett O'Hara

**Guests:** Dr. J. Mack Slaughter, emergency physician and Tik Tok explainer; Dr. Erin Meisel, orthopedic surgeon, Children's Hospital, Los Angeles

**Compliance issues:** Child Injuries; Children and Youth at Risk; Consumerism; Health Care; Prevention

**Links for more info:**

[Dr. J. Mack Slaughter on TikTok](#)

[Dr. Erin Meisel - Children's Hospital LA](#)

**Program 21-35**

**Air Week:** 8/29/21

**Executive Producer:** Reed Pence

**Studio Production:** Jason Dickey

**SEGMENT 1: PRISONS AND THE MENTALLY ILL**

**Time:** 1:50

**Duration:** 12:26

**Synopsis:** Many people in prison have a mental illness that keeps them from following the rules of society. Prison, its rules, and often its punitive intent may be the worst place for them, especially since treatment is often lacking there. A noted prison psychiatrist and behavioral scientist discusses this, and alternatives that may produce less recidivism when these inmates are released back into society.

**Host & Producer:** Reed Pence

**Guests:** Dr. Christine Montross, Assoc. Prof. of Psychiatry and Human Behavior, Brown Univ. and author, *Waiting For An Echo: The Madness of American Incarceration*

**Compliance issues:** Jails and Prisons; Police; Children and Youth at Risk; Mental Illness; Recidivism; Prison and Criminal Justice; Public Safety; Crime; Prosecution

**Links for more info:**

[Waiting For an Echo: The Madness of American Incarceration](#)

**SEGMENT 2: THE DIFFICULT-TO-FOLLOW PLANT-BASED ANTI-HEART DISEASE DIET**

**Time:** 15:18

**Duration:** 7:34

**Synopsis:** Heart disease is the number one killer in the US, but a well known cardiologist says if everyone would follow a plant-based, oil-free diet, heart disease could be eradicated. Yet many cardiologists won't prescribe such a diet, fearing it's so difficult to follow that it's a prescription for defeat. Experts discuss.

**Host:** Nancy Benson

**Producer:** Reed Pence

**Guests:** Arnie Press, heart disease patient; Dr. Caldwell Esselstyn, Director, Cardiovascular Disease Prevention and Reversal Program, Cleveland Clinic Wellness Institute

**Compliance issues:** Diet; Food and Nutrition; Public Health; Consumerism; Health Care

**Links for more info:**

[Dr. Caldwell Esselstyn](#)

**Program 21-36**

**Air Week:** 9/5/21

**Executive Producer:** Reed Pence

**Studio Production:** Jason Dickey

**SEGMENT 1: BACK TO SCHOOL WITH COVID**

**Time:** 1:49

**Duration:** 12:19

**Synopsis:** Schools that just a couple of months ago imagined opening free of great pandemic worry are now facing a Delta variant that's even more contagious than the original. Yet last year's experience is telling experts and administrators that school can be held safely if masking and other protocols are followed. Two pediatricians who are experts in how infectious disease affects schools discuss reopening for the school year.

**Host & Producer:** Reed Pence

**Guests:** Dr. Nathaniel Beers, President, HSC Healthcare and member, Council of School Health, American Academy of Pediatrics; Dr. Tina Tan, Prof. of Pediatrics, Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern Univ. and pediatric infectious disease physician, Lurie Children's Hospital

**Compliance issues:** Children and Youth at Risk; Education; Public Health; Health Care; Covid-19 Pandemic

**Links for more info:**

[Children's National](#)

[Northwestern Medicine](#)

**SEGMENT 2: 3D PRINTING OF REPLACEMENT ORGANS**

**Time:** 15:10

**Duration:** 7:37

**Synopsis:** Scientists are developing 3D printing technology using human cells to build human organs. The technique could be used to grow organs for transplant, relieving the long waitlist. Experts discuss.

**Host:** Nancy Benson

**Producer:** Reed Pence

**Guests:** Dan Troy, General Counsel, Valo Health and former Chief Council, US Food and Drug Administration; Dr. Anthony Atala, Director, Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine

**Compliance issues:** Health Care; Federal Government and Regulation; Public Health; Technology

**Links for more info:**

[Valo Health](#)

[Wake Forest Innovations](#)

**Program 21-37**

**Air Week:** 9/12/21

**Executive Producer:** Reed Pence

**Studio Production:** Jason Dickey

**SEGMENT 1: FORCED STERILIZATION STILL EXISTS IN THE U.S.**

**Time:** 1:49

**Duration:** 12:20

**Synopsis:** Entertainer Britney Spears claims in court that her conservator father won't let her remove birth control. It's merely the most celebrated recent case of something most people find surprising: forced sterilization still exists in the US, usually in cases of guardianship. Experts explain its legality, history & use.

**Host:** Reed Pence

**Producer:** Polly Hansen

**Guests:** Britney Spears, entertainer, in court testimony; Dr. Natalie Lira, Asst. Prof. of Latina and Latino Studies and Gender and Women's Studies, Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Zoe Brennan-Krohn, Staff Attorney, American Civil Liberties Union Disability Rights Program

**Compliance issues:** Legal Issues and Courts; Prison and Criminal Justice; Disabilities; Women's Issues

**Links for more info:**

[New York Times: Spears said that she wanted to have a baby, but the conservatorship would not let her](#)  
[ACLU: Britney Spears' Reproductive Freedom is a Disability Rights Issue](#)

**SEGMENT 2: NAIL BITING**

**Time:** 15:11

**Duration:** 7:21

**Synopsis:** Nail biting is an extremely common habit, but some people bite their nails so badly and so often that they suffer damage to their hands. Experts discuss why so many of us are driven to bite our nails, what can be done to stop it, and the damage that can occur when we can't stop.

**Host:** Nancy Benson

**Producer:** Morgan Kelly

**Guests:** Dr. Dana Stern, Asst. Clinical Prof. of Dermatology, Mt. Sinai School of Medicine; Dr. Fred Penzel, Exec. Dir., Western Suffolk Psych. Services, Huntington, NY

**Compliance issues:** Destructive Behavior; Health Care; Mental Illness

**Links for more info:**

[Dr. Dana Stern Dermatology](#)

[Western Suffolk Psychological Services](#)

**Program 21-38**

**Air Week:** 9/19/21

**Executive Producer:** Reed Pence

**Studio Production:** Jason Dickey

**SEGMENT 1: HEALTHCARE DATA BREACHES**

**Time:** 1:50

**Duration:** 13:13

**Synopsis:** Government reports say more than 265 million healthcare records have been stolen, lost, or improperly disclosed in the last decade. It may create a financial risk, but it could also mean your health conditions and secrets are all over the internet. What are health systems doing to keep data safe? What should you do when you're victim of a breach? One of the nation's top health data experts discusses.

**Host & Producer:** Reed Pence

**Guests:** Dr. Dean Sittig, Professor of Biomedical Informatics, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

**Compliance issues:** Health Care; Employment Issues; Consumer Safety; Economics; Crime; Technology; Consumerism

**Links for more info:**

[Dean Sittig, PhD – UT Health](#)

**SEGMENT 2: WHY WE DON'T STOP PREVENTABLE HEART ATTACKS**

**Time:** 16:05

**Duration:** 6:47

**Synopsis:** Heart disease is often preventable, but how people look at it often keeps them from doing as much about it as they could. Often this is a result of myth and misinformation. An expert physician discusses some of the most harmful of these myths.

**Host:** Nancy Benson

**Producer:** Reed Pence

**Guests:** Dr. Andrea Klemes, Chief Medical Officer, MD-VIP

**Compliance issues:** Food and Nutrition; Public Health; Consumerism; Health Care

**Links for more info:**

[MDVIP – Heart Attack Quiz](#)

**Program 21-39**

**Air Week:** 9/26/21

**Executive Producer:** Reed Pence

**Studio Production:** Jason Dickey

**SEGMENT 1: THE LONELINESS EPIDEMIC**

**Time:** 1:44

**Duration:** 12:47

**Synopsis:** Loneliness has been increasing across all ages even before the pandemic. It's especially noteworthy among seniors, and it can dramatically affect health. An expert geriatrician who has studied the effects of loneliness and the leader of an organization that provides friendly visitors to the isolated elderly discuss causes of increasing loneliness, its impact, and the effectiveness of visitor programs.

**Host & Producer:** Reed Pence

**Guests:** Dr. Carla Perissinotto, Assoc. Chief for Clinical Programs in Geriatrics, Univ. of California, San Francisco; Janet Seckel-Cerrotti, Exec. Director, FriendshipWorks, Boston

**Compliance issues:** Health; Volunteer Organizations; Social Isolation; Elderly and Senior Citizens

**Links for more info:**

[UCSF Profiles - Carla Perissinotto, MD, MHS](#)

[FriendshipWorks – Ending Elder Isolation, Creating Connections](#)

[Member Spotlight - Janet Seckel-Cerrotti](#)

**SEGMENT 1: AN ODD BUT COMMON FEAR: TRYPOPHOBIA, THE FEAR OF CLUSTERED HOLES**

**Time:** 15:33

**Duration:** 6:37

**Synopsis:** As much as 16 percent of the population suffers from trypophobia, which makes them uneasy at the sight of holes clustered together, as in a honeycomb. Two experts and a sufferer discuss this phobia, which can be remarkably debilitating.

**Host:** Nancy Benson

**Producer:** Morgan Kelly

**Guests:** Dr. Geoff Cole, Center for Brain Science, Univ. of Essex; Kerry Taylor, trypophobia sufferer and administrator of support group; Dr. Keith Wagner, Univ. of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston

**Compliance issues:** Mental Health; Consumerism; Health Care

**Links for more info:**

[University of Essex: Dr. Geoff Cole](#)

[SkinHoax.com](#)

[Q&A: Keith Wagner, MD, on Online Skin Disease Hoaxes](#)