
Preface

Antimicrobial drug resistance is a global health problem that continues to expand as micro-organisms adapt to the antibiotics we use to treat them and as new classes of antimicrobial agents have been harder to discover and advance into the clinic. The second edition of *Antimicrobial Drug Resistance* grew out of a desire by the editors and authors to provide an updated, comprehensive resource of information on antimicrobial drug resistance that would encompass the current information available for bacteria, fungi, protozoa, and viruses. The two volumes have been extensively revised with many new authors and chapters as the field of drug resistance has evolved. We believe that this information will be of value to clinicians, epidemiologists, microbiologists, virologists, parasitologists, public health authorities, medical students, and fellows in training. We have endeavored to provide this information in a style that is accessible to the broad community of persons who are concerned with the impact of drug resistance in our clinics and across broader global communities.

Antimicrobial Drug Resistance is divided into two volumes. Volume 1 has sections covering a general overview of drug resistance and mechanisms of drug resistance, first for classes of drugs and then by individual antimicrobial agents, including those targeting bacteria, fungi, protozoa, and viruses. Volume 2 addresses clinical, epidemiologic, and public health aspects of drug resistance, along with an overview of the conduct and interpretation of specific drug resistance assays. Together, these two volumes offer a comprehensive source of information on drug resistance issues by the experts in each topic.

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