

## BOOK REVIEW - LIVROS

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Occurrence of opportunistic mycoses is rising rapidly. An increase in leukemia, lymphoma, organ transplantation, cytotoxic chemotherapy, acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), and other immunosuppressed patients contributes to concern about these infections.

Bringing into sharp focus current findings and new avenues of research, IMMUNOLOGY OF FUNGAL DISEASES explores hosts' susceptibility and resistance to fungi on both genetic and immunologic levels; details the structure and chemistry of *Candida*, *Cryptococcus*, *Aspergillus*, *Coccidioides*, *Paracoccidioides* and *Sporothrix*; discusses detection techniques of fungal antigens using monoclonal antibodies and enzyme immunoassays; presents previously unpublished data on groundbreaking research experiments; includes chapter introductions and conclusions, more than 1600 end-of-chapter references, and numerous illustrations.

The first book to cover comprehensively all aspects of immunologic reactions and host resistance to fungi, this pioneering work is the definitive reference for immunologists, pathologists, microbiologists, epidemiologists, molecular and cell biologists, virologists, dermatologists, and medical school students.

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