Compliant with CDC and WHO guidelines, this new A-to-Z reference provides an overview of 160 infectious diseases, from the common cold and otitis media to MRSA and other newer threats, including Bartonella quintana.

Presented in a highly visual format, each disease is showcased in a two-page spread, formatted with consistent headings to make locating critical information easy. Headings include:

* Causes
* Complications
* Assessment Finding
* Diagnostic Tests
* Treatment
* Nursing Considerations
* Patient Teaching

The Safety, Alert, and Prevention icons draw attention to critical information, and special headings identify diseases with transmission-based precautions, which are discussed further under Nursing Considerations.

* Alert Icon: points out critical information related to signs & symptoms and treatment
* Prevention Icon: focuses on ways to prevent the occurrence of the disease including vaccines and supportive measures
* Safety Icon: provides safety tips on protection and ways to prevent the spread of disease to decrease the fear factor
* Includes evidence-based practices to prevent health-care-associated infections

The book also includes special sections that discuss the appropriate use of antibiotic therapy in an era of increasing antibiotic resistance, review the newer antibiotic agents, and provide up-to-date information on immunizations, CDC guidelines for isolation precautions, and tips on how to provide safe patient care.