What is new in this edition?

- Divided into two parts—(1) General Microbiology, Immunology and Hospital Infection Control and (II) Systemic Microbiology.
- Systemic Microbiology (Infectious Diseases)—eight sections, each comprises of a first chapter on clinical infective syndrome followed by several chapters covering detailed information about the etiological agents.
- Chapters on Clinical Infective Syndromes—represent the first chapter of every Systemic Microbiology section; covers various infective syndromes pertaining to that system in detail.
- Parasitology has been Incorporated—Various parasitic infections discussed under infective syndromes.
- Hospital Infection Control Section—thoroughly updated with the inclusion of new topics.
- General Microbiology Section—meticulously restructured with the inclusion of general virology, general parasitology and general mycology chapters. General bacteriology is reorganized into a single chapter.
- Overview Chapters—incorporated in the General Microbiology section.
- Sterilization and Disinfection Chapter—completely revised based on hospital use of sterilizers and disinfectants; shifted to Hospital Infection Control section.
- COVID-19 Chapter—a completely new chapter has been added.
- Annexures—expanded to include several new topics such as opportunistic infections, transplant infections, national health programmes for communicable diseases, vector-borne diseases, transfusion-transmitted infections and AETCOM in Microbiology.
- Recent Advances—updates made in laboratory diagnosis, treatment guidelines and vaccine prophylaxis of infectious diseases, of note tuberculosis and HIV.
- Epidemiology Updates on Infectious Diseases Included
- References followed from Harrison 20th/ed, Mandell 9th/ed, Bailey & Scott’s 14th/ed, CDC and WHO websites and health care programme/guidelines.
- Inclusion of more tables, flowcharts, real images and schematic diagrams—for better understanding.
- One weapon, two targets—MBBS exam and PG entrance.