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Health systems everywhere face constant change as they seek to respond to evolving patterns of disease. This is especially true with communicable diseases where humanity is engaged in a constant evolutionary struggle with micro-organisms that are able to adapt rapidly to a changing world. This problem can be, for example, exemplified recently by the growth of antibiotic resistant infection. This fascinating book confronts this challenge, looking at two regions where the pace of change is especially rapid, Europe and Latin America places where health systems, many themselves undergoing rapid