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Mycoses, fungal infections spanning superficial to lifethreatening invasive forms, present a growing global health concern. Key pathogens include pathogenic, dimorphic, and opportunistic yeast and filamentous fungi, with infections exacerbated in immunocompromised individuals. Synthetic and natural extract antifungals agents target essential fungal processes, inhibiting ergosterol synthesis, disrupting cell wall glucan synthesis, and compromising membrane integrity. Antifungal resistance is rising, driven by factors like widespread antifungal use, biofilm formation, and genetic mutations leading to altered drug targets or efflux pumps. This resistance compromises treatment efficacy, necessitates alternative therapies, and underscores the urgent need for improved diagnostics, stewardship programs, and the development of novel antifungals. Surveillance and research efforts are crucial to mitigating the impact of resistant fungal infections.

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