

ROSEOLA

DEFINITION

Diagnostic Findings

- Age 6 months to 3 years
- Presence of a fine pink rash, mainly on the trunk
- High fever during the preceding 2 to 4 days that cleared within 24 hours before the rash appeared
- Child only mildly ill during the time with fever
- Child acting fine now

Cause

Roseola is caused by the human herpesvirus-6.

Expected Course

The rash lasts 1 or 2 days, followed by complete recovery. Some children have 3 days of fever without a rash.

Home Care

No particular treatment is necessary. Other children of this age who have been with your child may come down with roseola in about 12 days.

CALL OUR OFFICE

IMMEDIATELY IF:

- The spots become purple or blood colored.

DURING REGULAR HOURS IF:

- The rash lasts more than 3 days.
- The rash becomes itchy.
- Any new symptoms develop that concern you.