Erythema Toxicum is a red rash on newborns that may be described as a “flea bite” rash.

The rash is common on the chest and the back, but may be found all over. This rash may come and go, shifting its location across the body. The palms of the hands and soles of feet are usually not affected. About half of all babies develop the condition in the first few days of life. This rash may be less common in premature infants. The cause of this rash is unknown, but thought to be a result of the skin’s way of adjusting to life outside of the uterus. The rash is not dangerous or harmful to the infant. Erythema Toxicum does not require any treatment and disappears by itself in a few days.