

In Dermatology

Miliaria rubra is due to intraepidermal obstruction of eccrine sweat ducts

- *Clinical feature:* Varies according to type { Miliaria crystallina—minute tense transparent, vesicles without inflammation { Miliaria rubra—itchy small erythematous papule with burning sensation { Miliaria profunda—painful larger, deeper seated, papules favour intertriginous areas (See figure below)
- *Treatment:* Avoid conditions that induce sweating (airconditioned environment—ideal) change of environment and lighter clothing

Calamine lotions to sooth

Corticosteroid lotions, to reduce inflammation sometimes with 0.25% menthol

Oral vitamin C and antibiotic, if there is infection.

Miliaria rubra with secondary bacterial infection leading to periporitis.



Prof. Jayakar Thomas Dermatologist, Chennai