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Keratinocyte

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The keratin-producing cells of the epidermis. They are the predominant cells of the epidermis that form in the deep basal layer of the stratified epithelium of the epidermis. They gradually migrate upward to the cornified layer of the epidermis undergoing characteristic changes.