"Inked" Cells May Die But Your Tattoo Will Remain Intact!

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Young people get tattooed very often (or to be more specific, they get "inked"). In fact, even elderly people get tattoos on their bodies. Sometimes, people are concerned about the fact that their tattoos may fade away sooner or later. But researchers feel just the opposite! French researchers have discovered that even if the skin cells die, the tattoo continues to remain on the skin, specifically on the epidermis. Earlier, it was believed that fibroblasts present in the skin get stained and that is how the tattoo becomes visible. But these researchers have discovered that macrophages engulf the pigment in tattoos. When these macrophages die, they release the pigment to the newly-formed monocytes nearby. Stay assured! Your tattoo will remain visible even if your skin cells die!

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