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Biography

Dr. Donna May Kimmaliardjuk is a cardiac surgery fellow at The Cleveland Clinic. Starting summer 2021, she will be a staff surgeon at Memorial University in St. John's, Newfoundland. She is the first Inuk heart surgeon in Canada. She completed a BScH at Queen's University in 2011, and then graduated medical school from the University of Calgary in 2014. She was presented to The Senate of Canada for becoming the first Inuk heart surgeon and the first Nunavut land claims beneficiary to become a MD. She was then presented to the House of Commons in 2017 for receiving the 2018 Inuit youth Indpsire award. She was featured in the Globe and Mail's article on 16 reasons to celebrate International Women's Day 2018. She works with the charity, I Love First Peoples to promote higher education amongst Indigenous youth, and she has partnered with The Heart and Stroke Foundation to improve Indigenous heart health.