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Barrier Breaking Surgeon

Dr. Caron is Canada's first female Indigenous General Surgeon. Through her advocacy work, she strives to improve access to quality healthcare in northern First Nations communities.

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CONCEPTS AND CONNECTIONS

Dr. Nadine Caron is the first Canadian general surgeon of First Nations descent. Her research focuses on the disparities between health services offered to people living in large urban communities and those living in Indigenous, rural, remote and northern communities.

Did you know?

Canada's Indigenous population suffers from significantly higher incidences of negative health indicators, such as obesity, diabetes, and lower life expectancy. This is partly due to food insecurity.*

Grades 4-6	Grades 6-8	Grades 9+
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	Could any of these pose a challenge to health care that someone in an urban setting might not face?	Could any of these pose a challenge to health care that someone in an urban setting might not face?
		How might these differences be barriers to people who want to participate in STEM fields?

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