

XAVIER DURALDE, MD

A 1976 graduate of Woodward Academy in College Park, Georgia, Dr. Duralde began a 17 year odyssey in that year that would eventually bring him home in 1993. He earned his undergraduate degree with honors from Harvard University in 1979 and his M.D. degree from Columbia University in New York City in 1983. He remained at Columbia for his residency training and eventually his fellowship in shoulder surgery.

Dr. Duralde served his country as a Major in the United States Air Force from 1988 to 1992 and was stationed at RAF Upper Heyford in Oxfordshire, England. His additional duties and accomplishments included support for NASA shuttle missions and the deployment of a major contingency hospital during Desert Storm.

Dr. Duralde is Board Certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery. He has published book chapters, monographs, and primary research articles on a variety of shoulder topics and lectures nationally and internationally on the shoulder and elbow regularly. He is a member of the prestigious American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons and a founding member of the Georgia Shoulder and Elbow Society.

In 1998, Dr. Duralde joined the Atlanta Braves as an assistant orthopaedic surgeon and assumed the role of Lead Orthopaedist from 2006-2016. He is a member of the Major League Baseball Physicians Association. During the 1996 Olympic Games, Dr. Duralde served as the Venue Medical Director for Field Hockey.