



Dear Colleagues:

We are very excited that **Baltimore** has been selected as the host city for the **26th Annual Meeting of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association**. The **meeting venue** will be the **Convention Center** located in Baltimore's magnificent Inner Harbor area. The **pre-meeting events** will be held at the **Hilton Hotel**, across the street from the center. The area immediately around the hotel and convention center is renowned for outstanding restaurants, entertainment, and outdoor activities.

We hope that you will make time during this visit to enjoy the many **outstanding attractions that Baltimore and the rest of the State of Maryland have to offer**. If you can make it in to town a few days early, the **Baltimore Ravens football team will be hosting the Denver Broncos at M&T Bank Stadium** that in what promises to be an important game in the upcoming season at what we believe to be one of the best venues in the

United States for professional football. **Both Oriole Park and M&T Bank Stadium are located in Camden Yards just a few blocks from the Hilton** and the Convention Center. Although the season is young, it is probably safe to say that there will be no baseball in Camden Yards in October this year.

Baltimore's famous aquarium is located within the Inner Harbor just a short walk from the hotel. In addition, the Babe Ruth Museum, the Visionary Arts Museum, the Walters Art Gallery, the Baltimore Museum of Art, and Fort McHenry where Francis Scott Key first penned the national anthem are all easily accessible from the hotel by foot or cab. If you are feeling more adventurous, the **United States Naval Academy** is located in Annapolis, Maryland just a short drive from downtown Baltimore.

Baltimore is also home to the **R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center**, the legislatively designated Primary Adult Resource Center for Trauma for the State of Maryland. As many of you are aware, Dr. R Adams Cowley was a pioneer in the development of trauma networks and his work led to one of the most robust trauma systems in the country linking EMS providers, helicopter system operated by the Maryland State Police, a network of trauma centers, and rehabilitation hospitals. We plan to have **tours of Shock Trauma** available for those interested throughout the week.

The **USNS Comfort is anchored in Baltimore**. Tours of this vessel, which played a critical role in the recent Haitian earthquake relief effort, are tentatively planned, based on availability.

October weather in Baltimore can be highly unpredictable. The typical daily temperature is in the mid 60s, but some variation is possible.

We are very grateful that the OTA has chosen to visit Baltimore for this outstanding event. **We hope you enjoy your time in Charm City.**

Regards,

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