Today’s health policy issues are driving a traditionally structured environment to its ultimate brink, with nurses holding up the foundation. Amidst concerns like the nationally recognized nursing shortage, oncology nurses must contend with the changing provision of health care itself under the Affordable Care Act. Although coordinated care is a staple of the health professional environment, putting it into practice has been more difficult than anticipated, especially for the role of nursing. Join ONS Health Policy Director Alec Stone for a discussion on the state of coordinated care, the role of nursing in that care, and the future for patients, providers, and the American people.

**Content Area:** Clinical Practice

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**Objectives:**
At the end of this session, participants will be able to:
1. Describe the state of coordinated care in the provision of healthcare.
2. Describe how current legislative, regulatory, and research issues may impact ONS members.
3. Discuss advocacy tools that can be used for more effective outreach to policy-leaders and decision-makers on the importance of oncology nursing to health care.