Join ONS Health Policy Director Alec Stone, MA, MPA, for a discussion on keeping oncology issues a top priority with United States legislative officials at the state and federal level. You’ll learn about the role of OnStat and current ONS-supported bills that are in discussion on the Hill. Stone will also provide an update on the Affordable Care Act since its activation on January 1, 2014, focusing on its preventative benefits and available resources for those who are still without health insurance coverage.

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Objectives:
At the end of this session, participants will be able to:
1. Describe the OnStat purpose and enrollment process.
2. Identify Affordable Care Act preventive services and resources.
3. Discuss ONS-supported initiatives at the federal level.

Content Outline:
I. OnStat
   A. Purpose and process of enrollment
   B. Legislative update
      1. Palliative care
      2. Patient education on symptom management
II. Affordable Care Act update
   A. Enrollment gripes and grins
   B. Moving forward with preventative services
      1. Who is covered, for what services, and when do they get it?
      2. What resources are available to those who are not covered?