

Dear friends of the Berlin Epidemiological Methods Colloquium (BEMC),

We would like to invite you to our June meeting:

**“Lessons from Nephrology: Challenges in primary data collection in large cohort studies” – Speaker: Prof. Elke Schäffner (Berlin)**

**Date:** Wednesday, June 7th, 2017

**Time:** 4:00pm - 6:00pm

**Location:** Seminar Room of the Neurology Clinic, first floor (Alte Nervenklinik)  
Bonhoefferweg 3, Charité Universitätsmedizin Berlin- Campus Mitte, 10117 Berlin  
(Map: [https://www.charite.de/service/lageplan/plan/map/ccm\\_bonhoefferweg\\_3](https://www.charite.de/service/lageplan/plan/map/ccm_bonhoefferweg_3))

**Description:** “The talk will cover obstacles in the setup, conduct, and analysis of a cohort study – in this particular case, the Berlin Initiative Study (BIS) comprised of elderly and very elderly participants (>70 years at baseline). The BIS has been launched in 2009 and will continue for at least a decade (through 2019 and beyond). During the presentation, I will address encountered epidemiological issues including selection bias and misclassification in terms of recruitment and retention of participants. Additionally, I will discuss means of ascertainment that may vary over the course of several years (i.e. lab. assays) and the ‘human factor’, an often neglected but crucial parameter for the successful execution of an epidemiologic study.”

**Space is limited, please register here:** <https://goo.gl/forms/IRYREB8KHGCT6vi22>



**Upcoming BEMC meetings: (Note: all BEMC meetings held in English)**

*Always on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month from 4-6pm*

*@ Bonhoefferweg 3, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Neurology seminar room*

**July & August: NO meetings. Enjoy the summer sun!**

**Weds. Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>:** “Unmeasured confounding in causal research”

– Prof. Rolf Groenwold, Utrecht

See our online calendar for future dates

Hope to see you there!

Best wishes,

Jessica Rohmann, Bob Siegerink and Tobias Kurth

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