In the course of the development of the NeuroDiseaseMonitor, the German Center for Neurodegenerative Diseases in Bonn (DZNE) and the Cologne, organized the workshop "Monitoring Dementia – Towards a Dementia Monitoring System and a Dementia Registry in Germany" in November 17-18, 2011. The aim of the workshop was to discuss the use of registry and health insurance data for the purposes of dementia monitoring.

The workshop brought together experts who have either established a national dementia registry, or are working with registry or health data in the area of dementia and cognitive functioning. The following aspects were discussed:

- Research findings about the prevalence and incidence of dementia in Europe
- Existing population-based data sources that permit epidemiological studies
- The need for new data sources
- Population-based data from health registries and health insurers
- The contribution of these data to a better understanding of the risk of dementia
- The validity of data from health insurers for the purposes of monitoring trends in dementia
- The creation of a national dementia registry in Germany
- Lessons from the experience of existing dementia registries, as well as national cancer registries

The presentations can be accessed here:

- After 50 years of community studies what do we know about dementia? (Michael E. Dewey)
- SveDem Swedish Dementia Registry - a national clinical quality database on dementia disorders (Maria Eriksdotter)
- Registries in Germany: Establishment and use of registries based on routine health data (Jürgen Stausberg)
- Interest and Limits of the French Alzheimer's registry (Jean François Dartigues)
- Patients with dementia: What do we learn from claims data? (Ingrid Schubert, Veronika Lappe)
- Dementia and long-term care (Heinz Rothgang)
- The Diagnosis of Dementia in Public Health Insurance Data (Gabriele Doblhammer, Anne Schulz)
- The utilization of health routine data for outcomes research (Christian Günter)
- Longstanding studies in or run from Cambridge Institute of Public Health (Carol Brayne)
Workshop 2013

The DZNE aims at strengthening the interdisciplinary scientific exchange by presenting the latest research results using registers, population-based cohort studies, as well as administrative data of health care insurances. The symposium took place in Bonn on April 29-30, 2013.

Detailed information about the program can be found here: