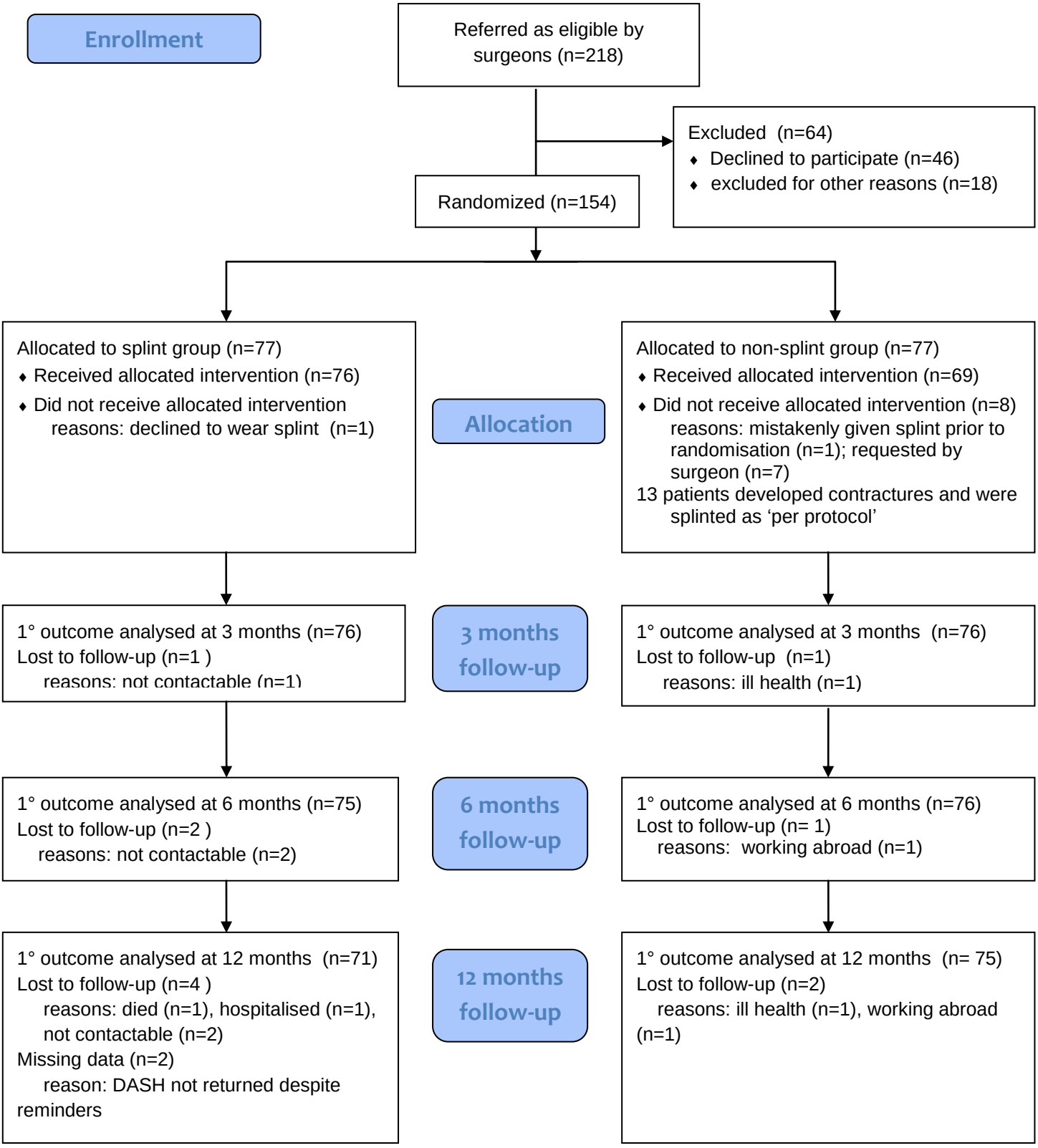
Enrollment
Referred as eligible by surgeons (n=218)
Excluded (n=64)
Declined to participate (n=46)
excluded for other reasons (n=18)
Randomized (n=154)
Allocation
Allocated to splint group (n=77)
Received allocated intervention (n=76)
Did not receive allocated intervention
reasons: declined to wear splint (n=1)
Allocated to non-splint group (n=77)
Received allocated intervention (n=69)
Did not receive allocated intervention (n=8)
reasons: mistakenly given splint prior to randomisation (n=1); requested by surgeon (n=7)
13 patients developed contractures and were splinted as 'per protocol'
3 months follow-up
1° outcome analysed at 3 months (n=76)
Lost to follow-up (n=1)
reasons: not contactable (n=1)
1° outcome analysed at 3 months (n=76)
Lost to follow-up (n=1)
reasons: ill health (n=1)
6 months follow-up
1° outcome analysed at 6 months (n=75)
Lost to follow-up (n=2)
reasons: not contactable (n=2)
1° outcome analysed at 6 months (n=76)
Lost to follow-up (n= 1)
reasons: working abroad (n=1)
12 months follow-up
1° outcome analysed at 12 months (n=71)
Lost to follow-up (n=4)
reasons: died (n=1), hospitalised (n=1), not contactable (n=2)
Missing data (n=2)
reason: DASH not returned despite reminders
1° outcome analysed at 12 months (n= 75)
Lost to follow-up (n=2)
reasons: ill health (n=1), working abroad (n=1)