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Table 1. Details of 3-step recruitment process

Activity	Responsibility	Description
Step 1: GP invitation and enrolment	ASPREE staff*	(Step 1a in Box 1) Compilation of a list of GPs and practices from publicly available sources. Minimum data set entered into AWARD-GP (GP name, practice name, address, phone number and ASPREE catchment area). (Step 1b in Box 1) First contact with practice (on-site visit). (Step 1c in Box 1) Enrolment visit; interested GPs enrolled.
Step 2: Identification of potentially eligible participants	ASPREE staff*	(Step 2a in Box 1) Practice database search for potential participants: a) Inclusion criteria: • men and women 70 years of age or more. b) Exclusion criteria: • history of myocardial infarction, heart failure, angina pectoris, stroke, transient ischaemic attack, carotid endarterectomy or stenting, coronary artery angioplasty or stenting, coronary artery bypass grafting, or abdominal aortic aneurysm; • a clinical diagnosis of atrial fibrillation; • an absolute contraindication or allergy to aspirin; • currently using aspirin for secondary prevention; • currently continuously using other antiplatelet drug or anticoagulant; • history of dementia. c) Participant had an appointment with an enrolled GP within 2 years of the database search.
	ASPREE staff† ASPREE staff*	(Step 2c in Box 1) Collation of database search results into mailing list of potentially eligible participants. Delivery of mailing list to GP at practice.
	Enrolled GP ASPREE staff*	(Step 2c in Box 1) Review of list to exclude: • patients inappropriate for the study; • patients who are not patients of the GP. Review list retrieved from practice.
	ASPREE staff†	(Step 2d in Box 1) Potentially eligible participants remaining on the list were mailed a study invitation letter on behalf of the GP. The letter included a toll-free central telephone number for interested people.
Step 3: Participant screening	ASPREE staff‡	(Step 3a in Box 1) Interested participants called the toll-free central telephone number and were screened by phone according to the inclusion and exclusion criteria. Participants satisfying the criteria were considered “included” at phone screening.
	ASPREE staff¶	Included participants seen at general practice or other community location for one-hour baseline screening visit. Participants provided with bottle of run-in study medication and a clinical eligibility worksheet for completion by the GP.
	Enrolled GP	Completion of clinical eligibility worksheet at short GP consultation.
	ASPREE staff¶	One month after the first baseline screening visit, participants were seen at general practice or other community location for second one-hour baseline screening visit. Study medication compliance was assessed and clinical eligibility worksheet checked. Eligible participants randomised by AWARD.

* Non-medical recruitment staff specifically trained for ASPREE study.
† Central data management staff.
‡ Call centre staff.
¶ Field staff trained to conduct in-person study measures and assessments.

Figure 1. CONSORT diagram for Australian general practitioner enrolment and participant recruitment activity