

Case Discussion

While there are several reports of individual outbreaks and their management (Parish *a.*, 1991; Andersen *a.*, 2000; de Beer *a.*, 2006), there has been no systematic attempt to describe scabies in older



Fig re 1. (a) Scabies study protocol for enrolment of participants. (b) Protocol for nominated consultee approval.

explicitly permitted subject to the usual regulations. While more thorough knowledge of legislation and guidance would have pre-empted some of the difficulties we experienced, we hope that this description of some of the outstanding ambiguities and further questions will be interesting to others, and provoke further discussion and guidance. It would also be interesting to solicit the guidance of international colleagues who will operate under different legislations and ethical boundaries.

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