375 level 3 patients admitted to ICU (November 2008 – September 2009)

245 level 3 patients identified for possible recruitment to cohort study before ICU discharge

183 patients eligible for recruitment to cohort study

157 level 3 patients were recruited and completed baseline assessment

104 died in the ICU
22 transferred from ICU to other hospitals
4 self-discharged or other

62 excluded (by exclusion criteria)
- Non English-speaking (13)
- Chronic or continuing acute confusion (17)
- Inability to communicate (5)
- Not expected to survive hospital (17)
- GCS<15 (7)
- Under 18 years of age (3)

17 declined to participate
9 agreed to participate but subsequent deterioration of patient/other reasons prevented assessment

100 patients remained in the study at three-month follow-up and were assessed for outcomes

18 died after leaving ICU (in hospital or at home)
9 were homeless
9 still seriously ill in hospital
10 unable to complete assessment due to disabilities
11 did not respond/declined to participate

Figure 1