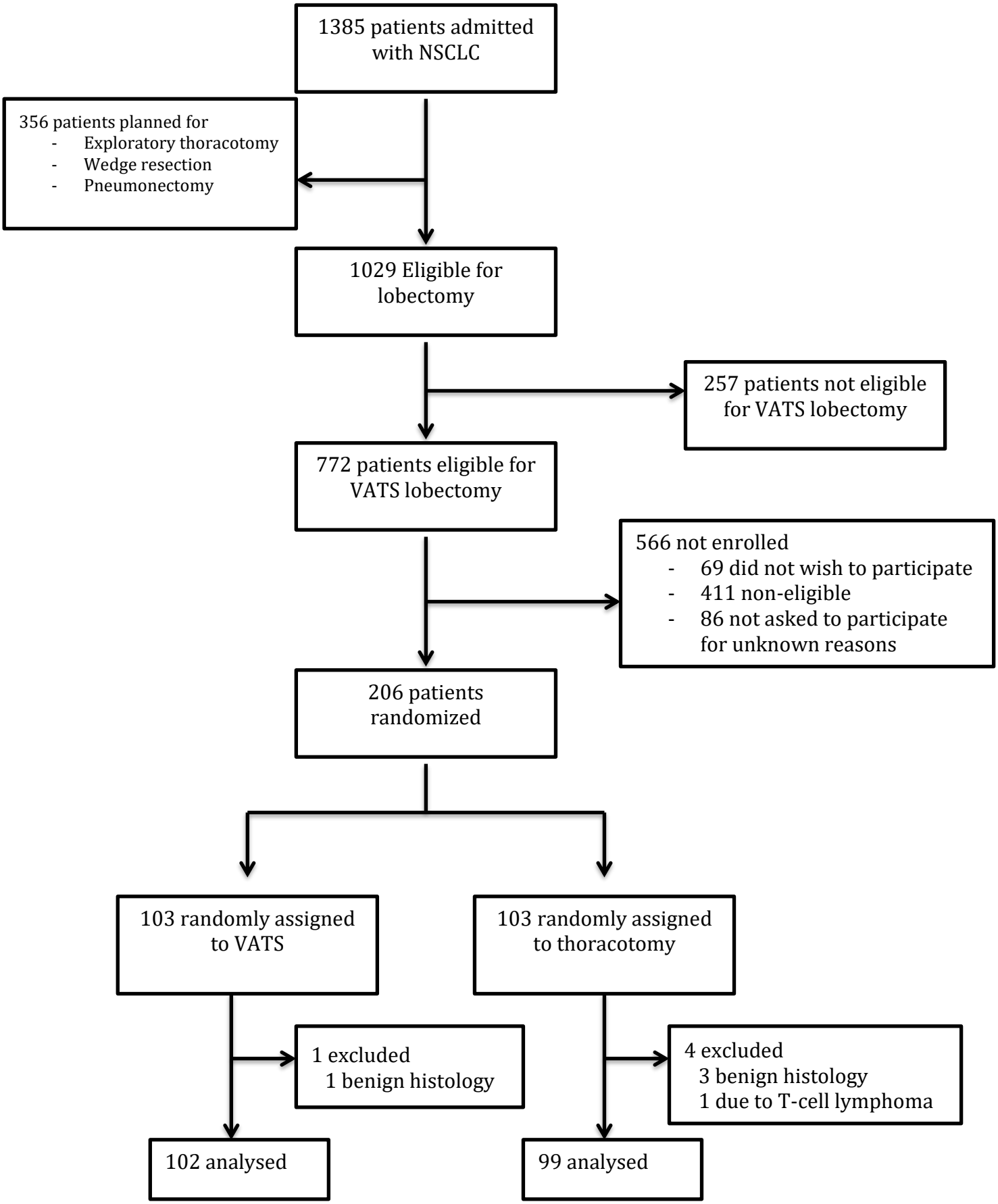
1385 patients admitted with NSCLC
356 patients planned for
- Exploratory thoracotomy
- Wedge resection
- Pneumonectomy
1029 Eligible for lobectomy
257 patients not eligible for VATS lobectomy
772 patients eligible for VATS lobectomy
566 not enrolled
- 69 did not wish to participate
- 411 non-eligible
- 86 not asked to participate for unknown reasons
206 patients randomized
103 randomly assigned to VATS
103 randomly assigned to thoracotomy
1 excluded
1 benign histology
4 excluded
3 benign histology
1 due to T-cell lymphoma
102 analysed
99 analysed