Figure. Example template of recommended content for the schedule of enrolment, interventions, and assessments.*

	STUDY PERIOD							
	Enrolment	Allocation	Post-allocation					Close-out
TIMEPOINT**	-t ₁	0	t ₁	t ₂	<i>t</i> ₃	t ₄	etc.	t _x
ENROLMENT:								
Eligibility screen	Х							
Informed consent	X							
[List other procedures]	Х							
Allocation		Х						
INTERVENTIONS:								
[Intervention A]			—		•			
[Intervention B]			Х		Х			
[List other study groups]			—			—		
ASSESSMENTS:								
[List baseline variables]	Х	Х						
[List outcome variables]				Х		Х	etc.	Х
[List other data variables]			Х	X	X	Х	etc.	Х

^{*}Recommended content can be displayed using various schematic formats. See SPIRIT 2012 Explanation and Elaboration for examples from protocols.

**List specific timepoints in this row.