



**\*Indications for decompressive craniectomy:**

- Aged up to 60 years
- Clinical deficits suggestive of infarction in the territory of the MCA with a score on the National Institute of Health Stroke Scale (NIHSS) of above 15.
- Decrease in the level of consciousness to a score of 1 or greater on item 1a of the NIHSS
- Signs on CT of an infarct of at least 50% of the MCA territory with or without additional infarction in the territory of the anterior or posterior vertebral artery on the same side, or infarct volume greater than 143cm<sup>3</sup> as shown on MRI with DWI