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Positron emission tomography (PET) is increasingly being used in the preoperative staging of gastro-oesophageal cancer as it will detect otherwise occult tumour spread in up to 10% of patients who might otherwise have undergone a major surgical resection (Figure 67.7). PET/CT may also be used to determine the response to neoadjuvant chemotherapy in oesophagogastric malignancies, although this is the subject of ongoing studies (see Chapter 8).

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