

Imaging more patients might help ID aggressive breast cancer

FDG-PET/CT may benefit patients younger than 40 years old with aggressive breast cancer, according to a study in the [Journal of Nuclear Medicine](#) that examined 134 patients who underwent FDG-PET/CT prior to treatment. Imaging found that 10% of patients initially diagnosed with stage I or II breast cancer had stage IV disease and that 17% of asymptomatic stage IIb patients had distant metastases. Findings suggest that although FDG-PET/CT is not recommended in less advanced diagnoses, it may provide better assessment of disease progression and appropriate treatment for these patients. [AuntMinnie.com \(free registration\)](#) (9/17