

Folate and Procalcitonin Testing Update

- **Serum Folate** and **Procalcitonin** are the two most commonly ordered Tier 2 tests for inpatients
 - Both tests have relatively uncommon indications
 - Steps taken thus far to encourage thoughtful usage of these assays has not resulted in any change in usage
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- Starting **February 6th 2025**, orders for serum **Folate** testing (Epic order **LAB69**) on inpatients can only be entered by an attending physician, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant
 - Starting **February 6th 2025**, orders for **Procalcitonin** testing (Epic order **LAB7082**) on adult inpatients can only be entered by an attending physician, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant
 - **Procalcitonin** remains a **Tier 1** test for **pediatric patients** as this assay is part of the "Pediatric Sepsis" and "Neonatal Fever" ordersets
 - Trainees attempting to place these orders will see the warning shown to the right

The screenshot shows the Epic 'Manage Orders' interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'Sidebar Summary' and 'Manage Orders'. Below these are sub-tabs for 'Manage Orders' and 'Order Sets', along with an 'Options' dropdown. A search bar contains the text 'Place orders or order sets' and a '+ New' button. Below the search bar is a dropdown menu set to 'Standard' and a 'Next' button with an exclamation mark icon. The main section is titled 'New Orders' and lists two orders: 'Procalcitonin' and 'Folate'. Each order is marked with a '1' and a document icon, indicating it is a new order. The 'Procalcitonin' order is for 'ONCE, today at 0951, For 1 occurrence' and is for 'Blood, Blood, Venous'. A red warning box below the order states: 'This order can only be ordered by an attending physician, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant.' The 'Folate' order is also for 'ONCE, today at 0951, For 1 occurrence' and is for 'Blood, Blood, Venous'. A red warning box below the order states: 'This order can only be ordered by an attending physician, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant.'