

TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Forensic Services Division

Forensic Chemistry Standard Operating Procedure Manual

Pharmaceutical Identifiers



17.0 PHARMACEUTICAL IDENTIFIERS

17.1 Application

Pharmaceutical identifiers are utilized by the TBI FCU for presumptive identification using markings and/or imprints.

17.2 Acceptable Identifiers

Acceptable pharmaceutical identifiers may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Physician's Desk Reference
- Pillbox.nlm.nih.gov
- Drugs.com
- Drug Identification Bible
- Pharmaceutical manufacturer websites
- Other reputable published indices

Websites open to contributions by the general public are not acceptable.

17.3 Casework requirements

Casework documentation guidelines are outlined in the Documentation chapter. Analytical guidelines are outlined in Section 12.4 of the Analytical Guidelines chapter. Reporting guidelines are outlined in the Reporting chapter.

Refer to the Death Investigations and Multi-section Cases chapter for further reporting requirements involving visually identified as non-controlled pharmaceutical exhibits present in these case types.