



# **TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

## *Forensic Services Division*

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### Forensic Chemistry Standard Operating Procedure Manual

#### Pharmaceutical Identifiers

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## **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.