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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-A**

**FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**TENET HEALTHCARE CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Nevada**  
(State of Incorporation  
or Organization)

**95-2557091**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**3820 State Street  
Santa Barbara, California 93105  
(805) 563-7000**

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number  
of principal executive offices)

If this Form relates to the registration of a class  
of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the  
Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to  
General Instruction A.(c), please check the  
following box.

If this Form relates to the registration of a class  
of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the  
Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to  
General Instruction A.(d), please check the  
following box.

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates: No. 333-74158

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

**Title of Each Class to be so Registered**

**Name of Each Exchange on Which  
Each Class is to be Registered**

7<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>% Senior Notes due 2013

New York Stock Exchange

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

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**TENET HEALTHCARE CORPORATION  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON FORM 8-A**

**Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered**

This Registration Statement (the "Registration Statement") relates to the registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") of \$1,000,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 7<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>% Senior Notes due 2013 (the "Notes") of Tenet Healthcare Corporation, a Nevada corporation ("Tenet" or the "Registrant"), which Notes are being issued by Tenet pursuant to a prospectus incorporated into Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-74640) (the "S-3 Registration Statement") filed with the Commission on December 6, 2001, and a prospectus supplement filed with the Commission on January 23, 2003 pursuant to Rule 424(b)(5) of Regulation C (the "Prospectus Supplement"). The descriptions of the Notes to be registered hereunder are set forth under the caption "DESCRIPTION OF NOTES" in the Prospectus Supplement and are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

The form of prospectus incorporated in the S-3 Registration Statement and the Prospectus Supplement shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement.

**Item 2. Exhibits**

The Notes are to be registered on the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE"), the exchange on which other securities of the Registrant currently are registered. Accordingly, copies of the following exhibits shall be filed with each copy of this Registration Statement filed with the Commission or with the NYSE, subject to Rule 12b-32 regarding the incorporation of exhibits by reference.

**Instruments Defining the Rights of Security Holders**

- 2.1 The description of the Common Stock, par value \$.075 per share (the "Common Stock") of the Company, which is contained in the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3, Registration No. 33-45689, filed with the Commission on February 14, 1992, including any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.
- 2.2 Indenture, dated as of October 16, 1995, between Tenet and The Bank of New York, as Trustee, relating to 8<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>% Senior Notes due 2003 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4(a) to Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K, dated August 20, 2001, for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2001)
- 2.3 First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of October 30, 1995, between Tenet and The Bank of New York, as Trustee, relating to 8<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>% Senior Notes due 2003 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4(b) to Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K, dated August 14, 2002, for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2002)
- 2.4 Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of August 21, 1997, between Tenet and The Bank of New York, as Trustee, relating to 8<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>% Senior Notes due 2003 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4(c) to Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K, dated August 14, 2002, for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2002)
- 2.5 Third Supplemental Indenture, dated as of November 14, 2001, between Tenet and The Bank of New York, as Trustee, relating to 8<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>% Senior Notes due 2003 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.5 to Registrant's Registration Statement on Form 8-A, dated January 7, 2002)

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- 2.6 Indenture, dated January 15, 1997, between Tenet and The Bank of New York, as Trustee, relating to 7<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>% Senior Notes due 2003 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4(e) to Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K, dated August 14, 2002, for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2002)
  - 2.7 First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of November 13, 2001, between Tenet and The Bank of New York, as Trustee, relating to 7<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>% Senior Notes due 2003 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.8 to Registrant's Registration Statement on Form 8-A, dated January 7, 2002)
  - 2.8 Indenture, dated January 15, 1997, between Tenet and The Bank of New York, as Trustee, relating to 8% Senior Notes due 2005 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4(g) to Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K, dated August 14, 2002, for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2002)

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- 2.9 First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of November 13, 2001, between Tenet and The Bank of New York, as Trustee, relating to 8% Senior Notes due 2005 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.10 to Registrant's Registration Statement on Form 8-A, dated January 7, 2002)
- 2.10 Indenture, dated May 21, 1998, between Tenet and The Bank of New York, as Trustee, relating to 8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2008 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4(p) to Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K, dated August 28, 1998, for the fiscal year ended May 31, 1998)
- 2.11 First Supplemental Indenture, dated March 18, 2002, between Tenet and The Bank of New York, as Trustee, relating to 8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2008 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4(b) to Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, dated April 12, 2002, for the quarterly period ended February 28, 2002)
- 2.12 Indenture, dated as of November 6, 2001, between Tenet and The Bank of New York, as Trustee (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, dated November 6, 2001)
- 2.13 First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of November 6, 2001, between Tenet and The Bank of New York, as Trustee, relating to 5<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>% Senior Notes due 2006 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, dated November 6, 2001)
- 2.14 Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of November 6, 2001, between Tenet and The Bank of New York, as Trustee, relating to 6<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>% Senior Notes due 2011 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, dated November 6, 2001)
- 2.15 Third Supplemental Indenture, dated as of November 6, 2001, between Tenet and The Bank of New York, as Trustee, relating to 6<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>% Senior Notes due 2031 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, dated November 6, 2001)
- 2.16 Fourth Supplemental Indenture, dated March 7, 2002, between Tenet and The Bank of New York, as Trustee, relating to 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>% Senior Notes due 2012 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, dated March 7, 2002)
- 2.17 Fifth Supplemental Indenture, dated June 25, 2002, between Tenet and The Bank of New York, as Trustee, relating to 5% Senior Notes due 2007 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, dated June 25, 2002)
- 2.18 Sixth Supplemental Indenture, dated January 28, 2003, between Tenet and The Bank of New York, as Trustee, relating to 7<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>% Senior Notes due 2013 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, dated January 28, 2003)

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### SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

### TENET HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

Date: January 31, 2003

By: /s/ STEPHEN D. FARBER

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Name: Stephen D. Farber

Title: *Chief Financial Officer*

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