

TENET HEALTHCARE CORP  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**PETTINGILL RICHARD**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**TENET HEALTHCARE CORP  
 [THC]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**13737 NOEL ROAD**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/15/2006**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

**DALLAS, TX 75240**  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
2006 May Director Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>(2)</u>	05/15/2006	A	17,264					<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	17,264
2004 March Director Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.42								03/25/2004	03/25/2014	Common Stock	49,904
2004 October Director Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0								<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	12,195
2005 May Director Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0								<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	10,833
Stock Units <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 0								<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	6,323

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PETTINGILL RICHARD 13737 NOEL ROAD DALLAS, TX 75240	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Pettingill,  
Richard

05/16/2006

          Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

- (1) These Stock Units were awarded under the Company's Stock Incentive Plan.
- (2) These Stock Units vest ratably on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant or become fully vested upon termination of service, whichever occurs first, and are settled in shares of the Company's common stock only upon termination of service.
- (3) These Stock Units were accrued under the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (4) These Stock Units are settled in shares of the Company's common stock upon termination of service.

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