

TENET HEALTHCARE CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 12, 2006

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

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## FORM 8-K

### CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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**Date of Report: January 12, 2006**

(Date of earliest event reported)

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## TENET HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**Nevada**  
(State of Incorporation)

**1-7293**  
(Commission File Number)

**95-2557091**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**13737 Noel Road**

**Dallas, Texas 75240**

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

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(469) 893-2200

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the Registrant under any of the following provisions:

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  
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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On January 12, 2006, Tenet Healthcare Corporation issued a press release announcing that it had reached agreements in principle to settle for \$215 million federal securities class-action lawsuits brought against the company on behalf of certain purchasers of Tenet securities as well as shareholder derivative litigation brought by certain stockholders of Tenet for the benefit of the company. A copy of the press release is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

TENET HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

By:            /s/ E. Peter Urbanowicz  
                  E. Peter Urbanowicz  
                  General Counsel

Date: January 12, 2006

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

99.1 Press Release Issued on January 12, 2006

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