

Ruff Gary K.  
Form 4  
March 02, 2012

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Ruff Gary K.

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)  
1445 ROSS AVENUE, SUITE 1400  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/29/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_X\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)  
SVP and General Counsel

DALLAS, TX 75202

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_X\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock					95,590	D	

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)**

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
2012 February Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 5.65	02/29/2012		A	53,000	<sup>(2)</sup> 02/28/2022	Common Stock	53,000
2012 February Restricted Units <sup>(1)</sup>	<sup>(3)</sup>	02/29/2012		A	28,000	<sup>(3)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>	Common Stock	28,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Ruff Gary K. 1445 ROSS AVENUE SUITE 1400 DALLAS, TX 75202	SVP and General Counsel

## Signatures

/s/ Paul A. Castanon, Attorney-in-Fact for Gary K.  
Ruff 03/02/2012

        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) (GF) On February 29, 2012, the reporting person also received a grant of 53,000 performance stock options and 28,000 performance restricted units. These grants are subject to the issuer's attainment of a specified one-year performance metric for the year ending December 31, 2012. If the performance metric is not met, the grants will be forfeited. If the performance metric is met, the grants will vest ratably over a three-year period from the grant date.

(2) These derivative securities (stock options) vest ratably on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant.

(3) These restricted units vest ratably on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant. Restricted units are settled in shares of the issuer's common stock upon vesting.

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