

Ruff Gary K.  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Ruff Gary K.		(Month/Day/Year)	TENET HEALTHCARE CORP [THC]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
		07/28/2008		
13737 NOEL ROAD			(Check all applicable)	
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below)    (specify below) SVP and General Counsel	
DALLAS,Â TXÂ 75240			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	17,040	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable    Expiration Date	Title    Amount or Number of			

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
1999 July Option (Right to Buy)	Â (1)	07/28/2009	Common Stock	6,000	\$ 11.13	D	Â
2004 March Option (Right to Buy)	Â (2)	03/03/2014	Common Stock	13,333	\$ 12.01	D	Â
2005 February Option (Right to Buy)	Â (2)	02/16/2015	Common Stock	14,167	\$ 10.52	D	Â
2006 February Option (Right to Buy)	Â (2)	02/22/2016	Common Stock	8,571	\$ 7.93	D	Â
2006 February Restricted Units	Â (3)	Â (3)	Common Stock	2,857	\$ (3)	D	Â
2007 March Restricted Units	Â (3)	Â (3)	Common Stock	6,667	\$ (3)	D	Â
2008 March Restricted Units	Â (3)	Â (3)	Common Stock	15,100	\$ (3)	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Ruff Gary K. 13737 NOEL ROAD DALLAS, TX 75240	Â	Â	Â SVP and General Counsel	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Ruff, Gary K.                      07/30/2008

    \*\*Signature of                      Date  
    Reporting Person

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 derivative securities (stock options) vested ratably on each of the first, second, and third anniversaries of the date of grant.
- (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 Company's common stock upon vesting.

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