

TENET HEALTHCARE CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 22, 2009

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

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

**Date of Report: January 22, 2009**

**(Date of earliest event reported)**

**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)**

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Identification Number)

13737 Noel Road

Dallas, Texas 75240

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(469) 893-2200

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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:

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- .. Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

The information contained herein is being furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 of Form 8-K, Results of Operations and Financial Condition. This information shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

On January 22, 2009, Tenet Healthcare Corporation (the Company) issued a press release reporting preliminary financial results of the Company for the quarter and full year ended December 31, 2008. These results are subject to final adjustments and to the additional effects, if any, of the Company's normal year-end impairment analysis. A copy of the press release is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release issued on January 22, 2009

**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/ Biggs C. Porter  
Biggs C. Porter  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: January 22, 2009

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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