PETTINGILL RICHARD
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1445 ROSS AVENUE, SUITE 1400

(Street)

DALLAS, TX 75202

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

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

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

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock								50,869	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)

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)		8 D S (I
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Units [1]	[2]	12/31/2009		A		2,481		[2]	[2]	Common Stock	2,481	
2004 March Director Option (Right to Buy)	$ 10.42							03/25/2004	03/25/2014	Common Stock	49,904	
2004 October Director Stock Units [3]	$ 0 [4]							[4]	[4]	Common Stock	12,195	
2005 May Director Stock Units [3]	$ 0 [4]							[4]	[4]	Common Stock	10,833	
2006 May Director Stock Units [3]	$ 0 [4]							[4]	[4]	Common Stock	17,264	
2007 May Director Stock Units [3]	$ 0 [5]							[5]	[5]	Common Stock	18,651	
2008 May Director Stock Units [3]	$ 0 [6]							[6]	[6]	Common Stock	22,807	
2009 May	$ 0 [6]							[6]	[6]	Common Stock	58,036	

Director
Stock
Units (3)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PETTINGILL RICHARD 1445 ROSS AVENUE SUITE 1400 DALLAS, TX 75202	X			

Signatures

/s/ Kristina A. Mack, Attorney-in-fact for Richard R. Pettingill	01/05/2010
**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 accrued under the Company's Deferred Compensation Plans.

(2) These Stock Units are settled in shares of the Company's common stock in accordance with the Company's Deferred Compensation Plans. The conversion rate is one share of common stock for each Stock Unit.

(3) These Stock Units were awarded under the Company's Stock Incentive Plan.

(4) These Stock Units vested ratably on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant and will be settled in shares of the Company's common stock only upon termination of service.

(5) 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 will be settled in shares of the Company's common stock on the date they become fully vested, unless settlement has been deferred in accordance with the Company's Stock Incentive Plan.

(6) These Stock Units vested immediately on the grant date and will be settled in shares of the Company's common stock on the third anniversary of the date of the grant or termination of service, unless settlement has been deferred or under other circumstances described in the reporting person's award agreement.

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