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(Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.

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Participant Information

CHS, its directors and executive officers and other persons may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in connection with Tenet's 2011 annual meeting of shareholders. The names of the directors of CHS are: Wayne T. Smith, W. Larry Cash, John A. Clerico, James S. Ely III, John A. Fry, William N. Jennings, M.D., Julia B. North and H. Mitchell Watson, Jr. The names of the executive officers of CHS are: Wayne T. Smith, W. Larry Cash, William S. Hussey, David L. Miller, Thomas D. Miller, Michael T. Portacci, Martin D. Smith, Rachel A. Seifert and T. Mark Buford. CHS and its subsidiaries currently own approximately 420,000 shares of Tenet common stock as of January 7, 2011. Additional information regarding CHS's directors and executive officers is available in its proxy statement for its 2010 annual meeting of stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on April 9, 2010. Other information regarding potential participants in such proxy solicitation and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be contained in any proxy statement filed in connection with Tenet's 2011 annual meeting of shareholders.

CHS is the Premier Hospital Company

An Established Operator

- Largest operator of non-urban and mid-size hospitals – 126 acute care facilities
- Geographic diversity
 - 29 states
 - Sole provider in 65% of markets served

■	2008 Actual	2009 Actual
● Revenue	\$10,919	\$12,108
● EBITDA **	\$ 1,513	\$1,671
● EBITDA Margin **	13.9%	13.8%
● EPS	\$ 2.11	\$ 2.64



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Large and Growing Market with Favorable Trends

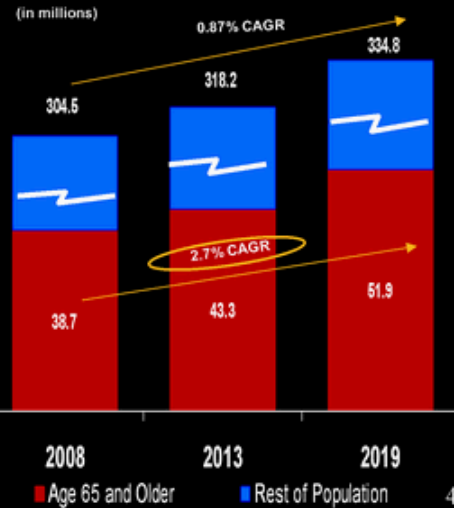
Health Spending Expected to Grow 6.3% Annually Through 2019;
Hospitals Represent Largest Portion

National Health Expenditures



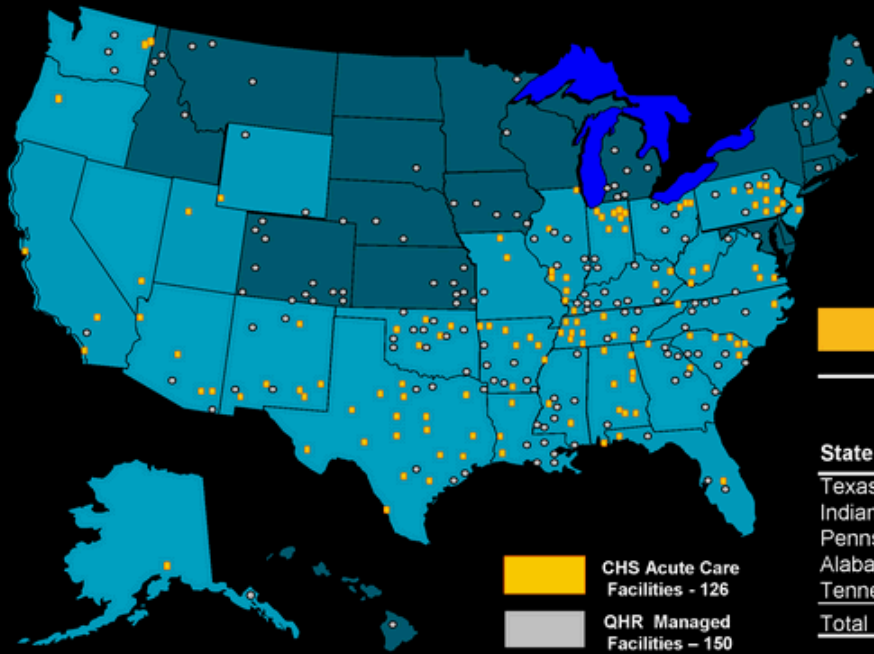
Source: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

U.S. Population Growth



Geographically Diverse

- 126 Hospitals in 29 States
- Sole Provider in 65% of Markets
- QHR 150 Facilities in 38 States



Top 5 States

State	# of Hospitals	YTD 9-30-10 Revenue Contribution
Texas	17	13.2%
Indiana	8	10.3%
Pennsylvania	10	10.1%
Alabama	9	9.0%
Tennessee	11	5.1%
Total	55	47.7%

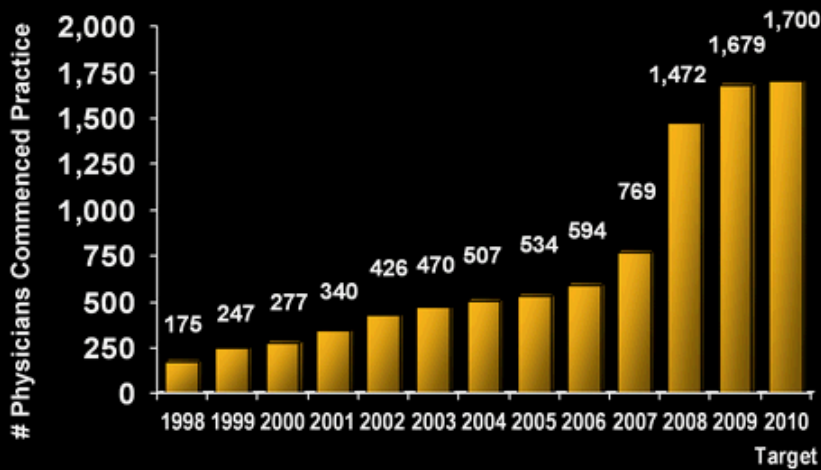
Significant Future Growth Opportunities



Significant Opportunities for Growth in Revenue and Operating Profit

Physician Recruitment Drives Growth

- Strong Internal Recruiting
- Dedicated Physician Support
- Ongoing Monitoring of Practice Development



Note: Does not include the Rockwood Clinic acquisition for 2010

ER Strategy: “The Front Door” of CHS’ Hospitals

Enhancing ER Capabilities Contributes to Future Growth

Initiatives

- Renovations/Expansions – 54 projects completed, several currently under way
- Marketing Programs - *ER+*
- ProMed – Emergency room data tracking, quality management and measurement tool
- Discharge call back implementation

Results

- Improved patient satisfaction
- Contributed to same store admission growth

Improve Hospital Operations

Standardization and Centralization

- Acquisitions
- Ancillary Services
 - Pharmacy
 - Laboratory
 - Surgery
 - Imaging
- Billing and Collections
- Compliance
- Community Cares
- Customer Service
- ER Management
- Executive Recruitment
- Facilities Management
- Financial Reporting and Control
- Group Purchasing
- Health Information Management
- Home Health
- Information Systems
- Insurance Programs
- Joint Commission
- Legal Services
- Managed Care
- Marketing
- Patient and Physician Satisfaction
- Physician Advisory and Leadership Board
- Physician Recruiting and Support
- Quality / Resource / Case Management
- Revenue Strategies
- Senior Circle
- Specialty Services

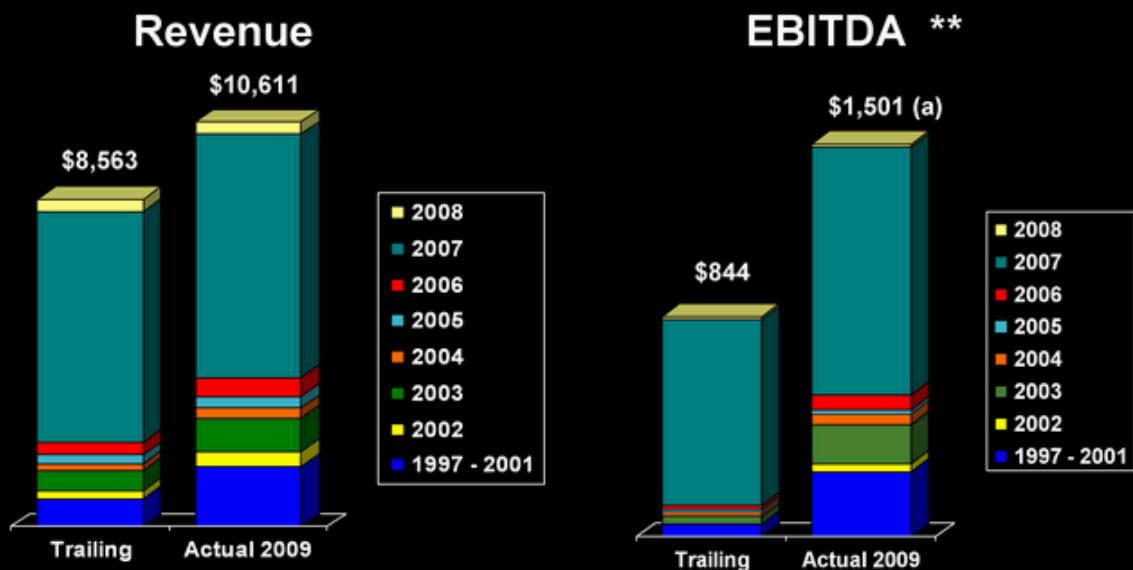
2010 Acquisitions

- **Marion Regional Hospital, Marion, South Carolina (July 2010)**
 - 124 beds and \$60 million net revenue
 - Includes skilled nursing facility with 92 beds

- **Forum Health, Youngstown, Ohio (October 2010)**
 - 346 beds at Trumbull Memorial Hospital in Warren, Ohio
 - 398 beds at Northside Medical Center in Youngstown, Ohio
 - \$370 million net revenue
 - Includes rehab hospital with 69 beds

- **Bluefield Regional Medical Center, Bluefield, West Virginia (October 2010)**
 - 265 beds and \$95 million net revenue
 - Located on border with Virginia in southeastern West Virginia

Acquisition Performance for 2009 vs. Trailing By Year Acquired



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(a) EBITDA includes corporate overhead.

**Community Health Systems and Tenet Healthcare:
A Compelling Opportunity for Value Creation**

Compelling Strategic Rationale


- Strong complementary fit with significant synergy potential
- Opportunity to leverage operating efficiencies and best practices
- Enhances ability to contract effectively with payors
- More attractive platform for physician recruitment
- CHS management team has proven track record of superior operating performance
- Successfully integrated Triad acquisition – a transaction that was larger on a relative basis
- Transaction is accretive to EPS in the first full year

Attractive Offer for Tenet Shareholders

- \$6.00 offer price per share comprised of \$5.00 in cash and \$1.00 in CHS stock
- Offer represents 40% premium to December 9, 2010 closing price for Tenet
- Stock consideration provides Tenet shareholders the opportunity to participate in future upside from earnings growth and synergy realization
- Credit Suisse has provided to us a letter indicating that it is highly confident it can arrange the debt financing for the transaction along with a syndicate of other financial institutions ⁽¹⁾
- Strong desire to reach an agreement with Tenet on a friendly basis, but committed to completing this transaction
- Intention to nominate directors for 2011 annual meeting

(1) Subject to customary terms and conditions.

Combined Company

	 CHS	Tenet	Pro Forma
Revenue	\$12.7 billion	\$9.2 billion	\$21.9 billion
Hospitals	126	50	176
Licensed Beds	19,400	13,430	32,830
States	29	11	30

Note: Revenue as of LTM 9/30/10.

Tenet Acquisition Relative to Triad

Target Contribution to Combined Company

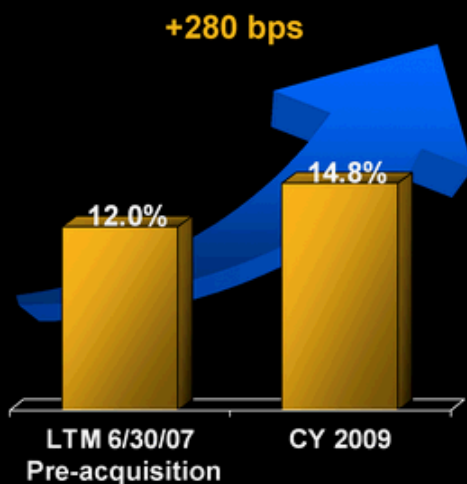
	Triad	Tenet
	LTM as of 12/31/06	LTM as of 9/30/10
Revenue	56%	42%
EBITDA	55%	36%
Hospitals	41%	28%
Beds	51%	41%

**CHS has successfully integrated Triad.
On a relative basis, Tenet is a smaller acquisition.**

CHS Management Significantly Improved Triad's Operating Results

Triad Facilities

Margin Improvement



- Substantial corporate cost savings and purchasing synergies achieved
 - ▶ First Calendar Year: \$145 million
 - ▶ Peak Synergies: Over \$275 million
- Recruited ~2,400 physicians to Triad facilities since acquisition
- Focused CapEx on high ROI projects

Experienced and Effective Management Team

Name	Title	Years of Industry Experience	Background
Wayne T. Smith	Chairman, President and CEO	30+	President and Chief Operating Officer at Humana
W. Larry Cash	Executive Vice President and CFO	30+	Vice President and Group CFO at HCA; Senior Vice President of Finance & Operations at Humana
Rachel A. Seifert	Executive Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel	15	Vice President – Legal Operations, HCA
William S. Hussey	President, Division IV	25	Joined as AVP in 2001; Divisional President – Tampa Bay Division, HCA
David L. Miller	President, Division I	30+	Divisional Vice President – HMA; Various positions with Humana
Thomas D. Miller	President, Division V	20	President & CEO – Lutheran Health; CEO of Tri Cities Market – HCA
Michael T. Portacci	President, Division II	25	Joined as Hospital CEO in 1987; Became Group VP in 1991
Martin D. Smith	President, Division III	15	Joined as Hospital CEO in 1998 and became Division III VP of Operations in 2005; Various positions with HMA
T. Mark Buford	Senior Vice President & Chief Accounting Officer	25	Joined as Corporate Controller in 1986 and became Chief Accounting Officer in 1988
Larry M. Carlton	Senior Vice President – Revenue Management	30	Director of Health Financing with Humana, Galen and HCA
Kenneth D. Hawkins	Senior Vice President – Acquisitions and Development	20	Vice President of Development – Champion Healthcare
Barbara Paul, MD	Senior Vice President & Chief Medical Officer	20	Director of Quality Measurement & Health Assessment Group – CMS Department of HHS
Martin G. Schweinhart	Senior Vice President – Operations	25	CFO of Denver and Kentucky Divisional Markets; Various positions with HCA and Humana
J. Gary Seay	Senior Vice President & Chief Information Officer	25	Vice President – Cigna; Various positions with Humana
Lynn T. Simon, MD	Senior Vice President & Chief Quality Officer	20	Senior Vice President & Chief Medical Officer – Jewish Hospital & St. Mary's HealthCare in Louisville, Kentucky

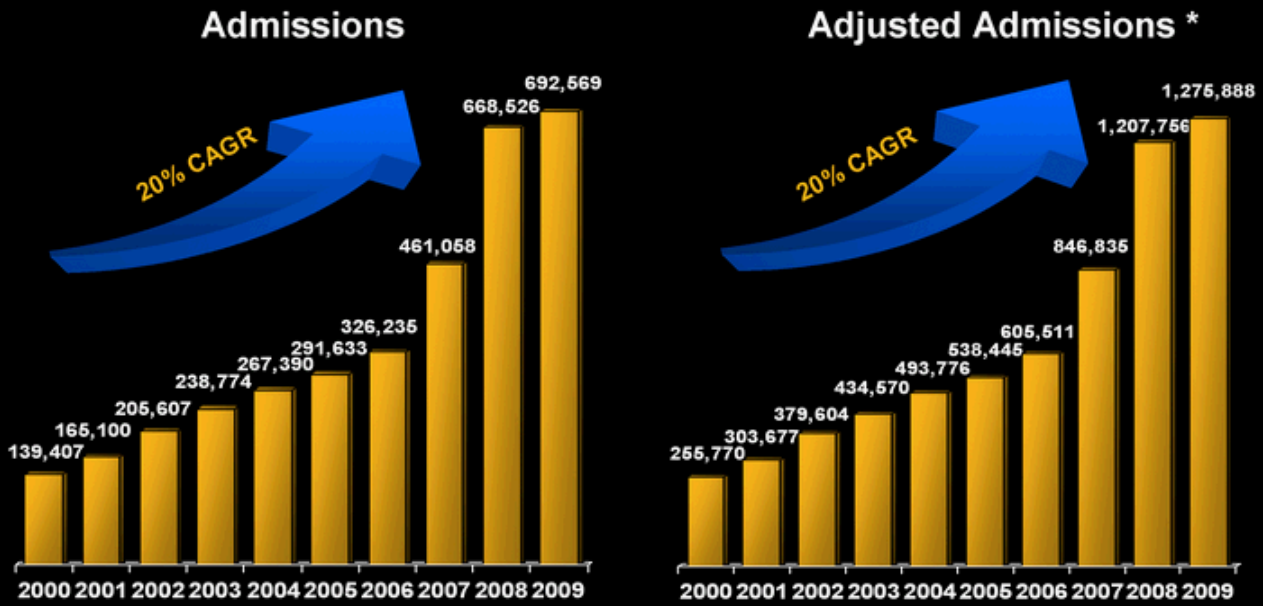
Significant Board Strength

Name	Background
Wayne T. Smith	Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer Community Health Systems
W. Larry Cash	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
John A. Clerico	Co-founder and Chairman ChartMark Investments Former Executive VP and CFO of Praxair and Union Carbide
James S. Ely III	Founder and CEO of Priority Capital Management Former Senior Banker and Managing Director in J.P. Morgan's Syndicated and Leveraged Finance Group
John A. Fry	President of Drexel University Former President of Franklin and Marshall College Former Executive VP of the University of Pennsylvania
William Norris Jennings, M.D.	Practicing family medicine physician for over 30 years Former managing partner for Southend Medical Clinic
Julia B. North	Former President of Consumer Services for BellSouth Telecommunications
H. Mitchell Watson	President, Sigma Group of America, Former President and Chief Executive Officer of ROLM Company, Former Vice President of IBM

Financial and Operating Highlights

Admissions

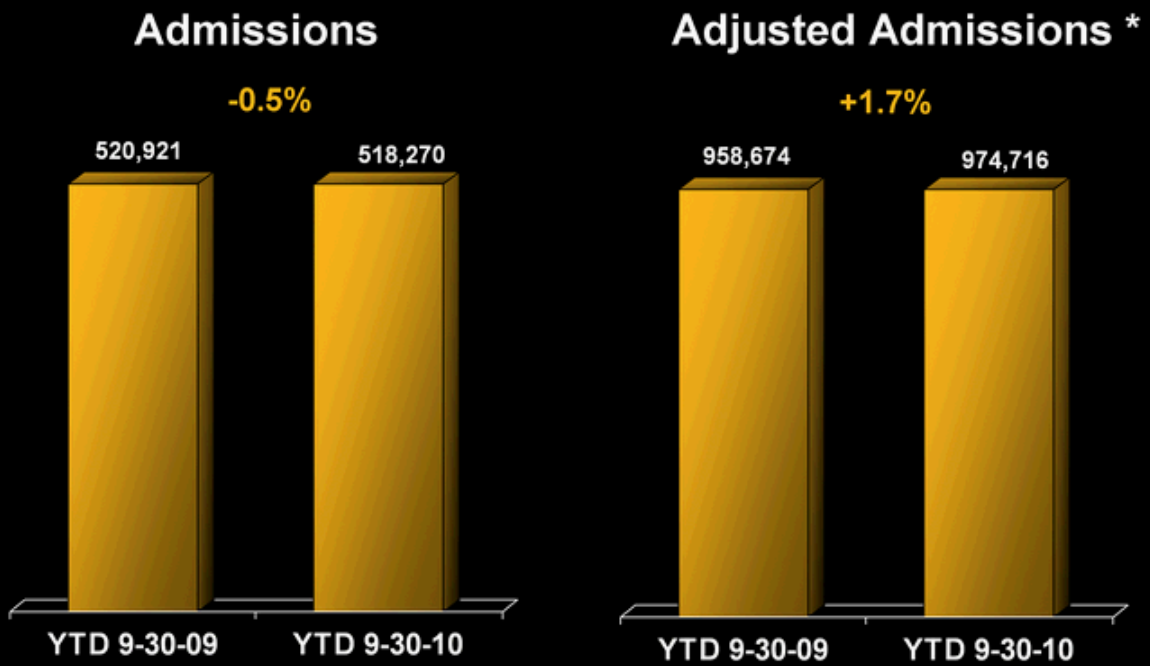
CHS is an Industry Leader in Admissions Growth



* Adjusted admissions include a factor for outpatient business

Note: Prior to 2003, as reported, not restated to reflect the reclassification as discontinued operations of hospitals sold or designated as being held for sale in 2005.

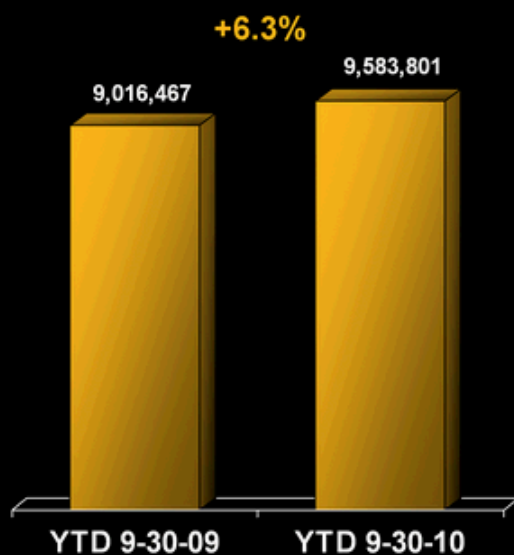
Year-To-Date September 30, 2010 vs. 2009



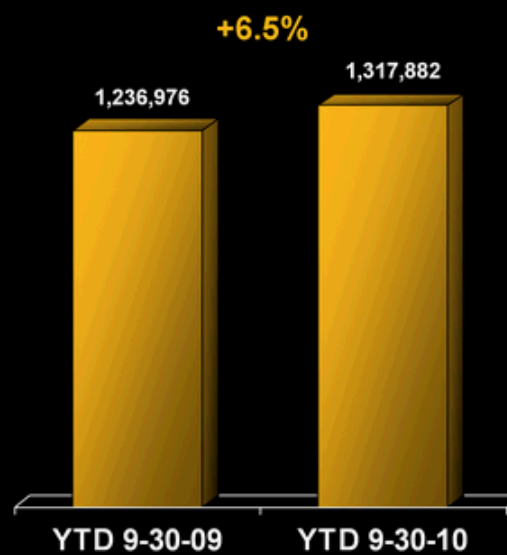
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Year-To-Date September 30, 2010 vs. 2009

Net Revenue



EBITDA **



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Year-To-Date Income Summary

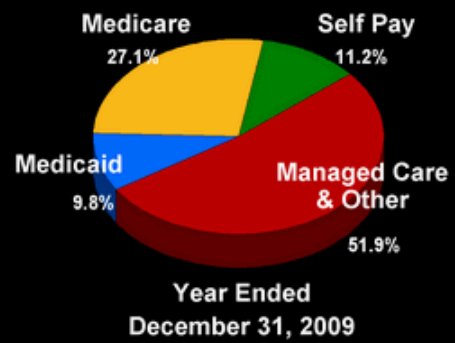
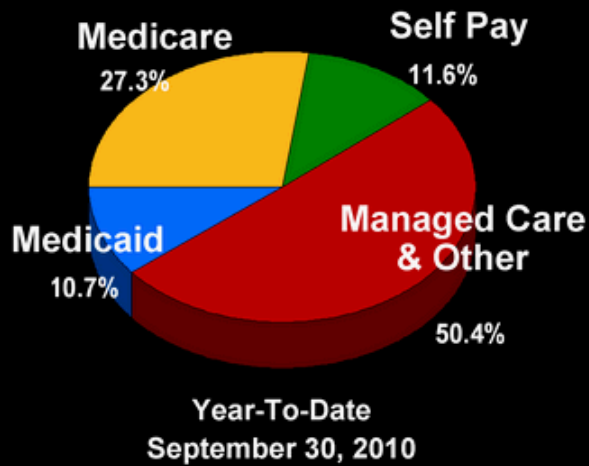
(Amounts in 000's except margin and EPS)

	<u>Year-To-Date 9-30</u>	
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Net Revenue	\$ 9,583,801	\$9,016,467
EBITDA**	\$ 1,317,882	\$1,236,976
EBITDA Margin **	13.8%	13.7%
Same Store EBITDA **	\$ 1,318,349	\$1,248,241
Same Store EBITDA Margin**	14.1%	13.8%
Income From Continuing Operations	\$ 256,192	\$ 220,679
Continuing Operations Margin	2.7%	2.5%
Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests	\$ 45,719	\$ 44,189
Net Income Before Discontinued	\$ 210,473	\$ 176,490
EPS (From Continuing Operations)	\$ 2.26	\$ 1.94
Shares Outstanding (Weighted and Fully Diluted)	93,220	91,120

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Payor Mix

Consolidated Net Revenue by Payor Source



Annual Same Store Growth *

(% change – Year over Year)

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007 ⁽¹⁾	2008 ⁽¹⁾	2009	YTD 9-30-10
Admissions	3.9%	4.5%	1.2%	-0.2%	2.1%	1.1%	-1.1%	2.0%	-1.5%	-2.4% ⁽²⁾
Adj Admissions	4.5%	5.1%	-0.3%	1.2%	1.8%	0.9%	0.4%	2.2%	0.7%	-0.7% ⁽²⁾
Revenue/Adj Admission	5.6%	4.3%	9.0%	5.3%	7.1%	6.1%	5.3%	3.3%	5.2%	4.3%
Net Revenues	10.4%	9.8%	8.6%	6.6%	9.0%	7.0%	5.7%	5.6%	5.9%	3.6%
EBITDA Growth **	13.6%	10.9%	9.0%	7.4%	12.2%	5.3% ⁽¹⁾	11.1%	17.7 %	9.8%	5.6%

(1) Revenue/Adj Admission, Net Revenues and EBITDA Growth numbers shown excluding change in estimate.

(2) Adjusted for service closures, weather, lack of flu, OB decline, movement of one day stays to observation and other unusual non reoccurring events, same store admissions would have increased 0.3% and same store adjusted admissions would have increased 1.7%.

* Includes acquired hospitals to the extent we operated them during comparable periods in both years

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Consolidated

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	YTD <u>9-30-10</u>
■ A/R Days	63	65	63	61	62	54	53	48	47
■ Bad Debt	9.1%	9.7%	10.1%	10.1%	12.5%	12.6%	11.2%	12.1%	12.1%
■ Cash Receipts as a % of Net Revenue less Bad Debts for the LTM	103%	102%	103%	103%	103%	104%+	102%	103%	102%

Bad Debt

(\$ in millions)
(Consolidated)

	Quarter Ended				Year-To-Date			
	9/30/2010	%	9/30/2009	%	9/30/2010	%	9/30/2009	%
Bad Debt	\$ 403	11.3%	\$ 378	11.3%	\$ 1,163	11.1%	\$ 1,079	11.0%
Charity Care	\$ 140	3.9%	\$ 123	3.7%	\$ 399	3.8%	\$ 346	3.6%
Admin Self Pay Discount	\$ 183	5.1%	\$ 147	4.3%	\$ 519	4.9%	\$ 407	4.2%
Total	\$ 726		\$ 648		\$ 2,081		\$ 1,832	
% of Adjusted Net Rev (1)		20.3%		19.3%		19.8%		18.8%

For the quarter ended September 30, 2010, same store self-pay admissions decreased 1.1% and same store self-pay adjusted admissions increased 3.4%. Year-to-date same store self-pay admissions decreased 0.2% and same store self-pay adjusted admissions increased 1.1%.

As a percent of total admissions, same store self-pay admissions were up 10 basis points for the quarter and year-to-date.

	% Change	% Change
Same Store	QE 9-30-10	YTD 9-30-10
Net Revenue – Bad Debt	3.5%	3.2%
Operating Expenses – Bad Debt	3.0%	2.7%

(1) Adjusted Net Revenue = Net Revenue + Charity Care + Administrative Self Pay Discount

Balance Sheet Data

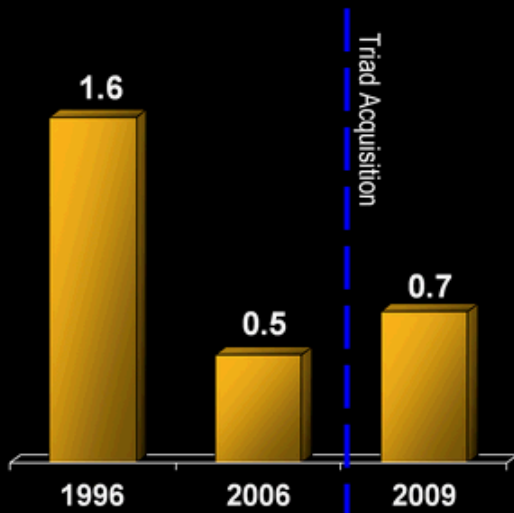
(\$ in thousands)	<u>12-31-08</u>	<u>12-31-09</u>	<u>9-30-10</u>
Working Capital	\$ 1,095,633	\$ 1,217,199	\$ 1,403,966
Total Assets	\$13,818,254	\$14,021,472	\$14,419,493
Long Term Debt	\$ 8,938,185	\$ 8,844,638	\$ 8,816,223
Stockholders' Equity	\$ 1,672,486	\$2,015,417	\$ 2,126,233

Note: As of September 30, 2010, approximately 93% of our debt is fixed

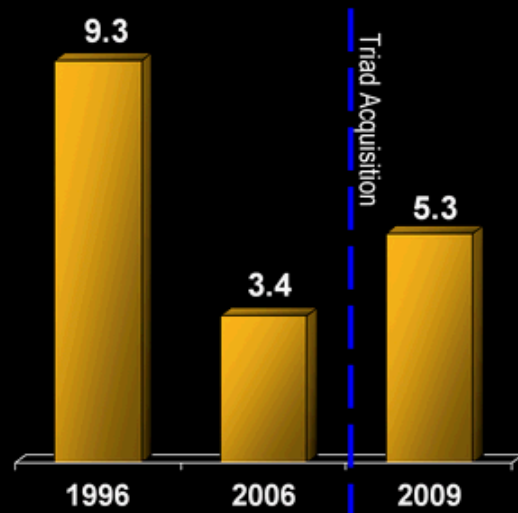
Ability to Deleverage

Ratios

Debt to Net Revenue



Debt to EBITDA

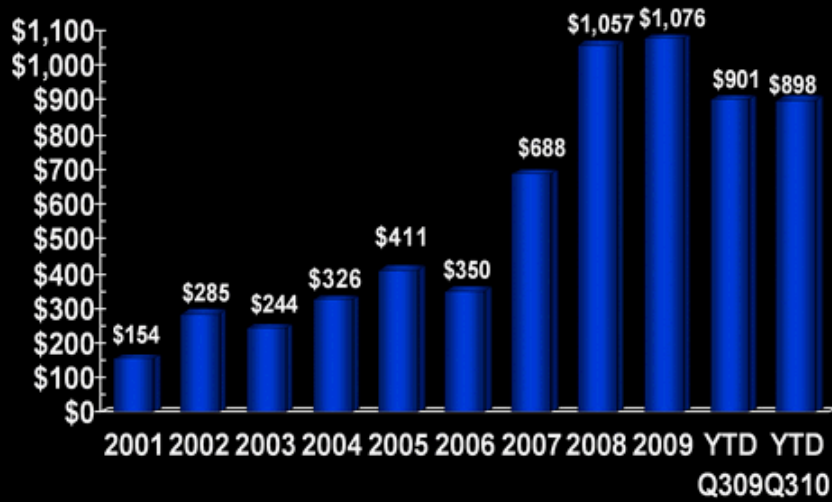


2009 ratios well below 1996 levels

Cash Provided by Operating Activities

(\$ millions)

■ Cash from Operating Activities

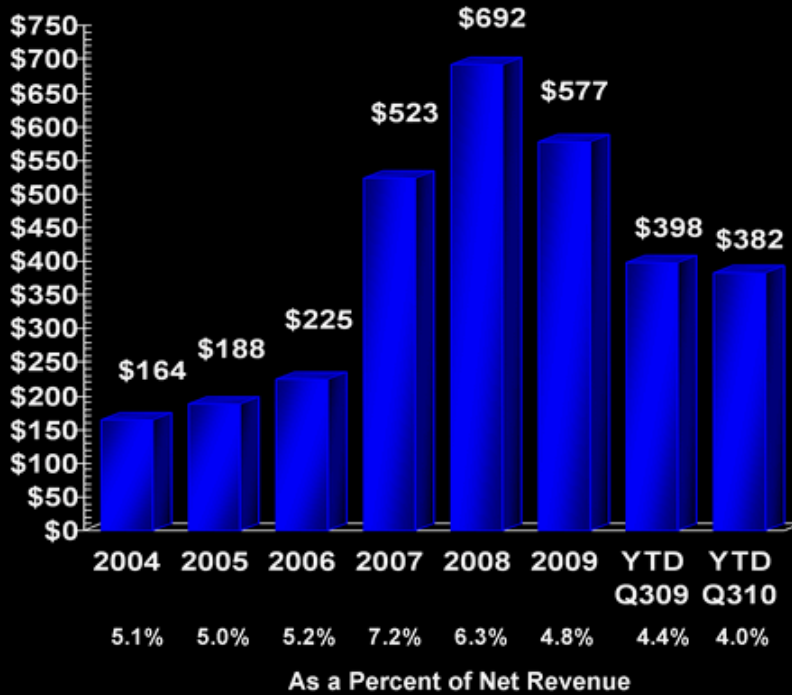


2010 Guidance
\$1,050 to \$1,100 million

Capital Expenditures

Renovation, Equipment & Replacement

(\$ in millions)



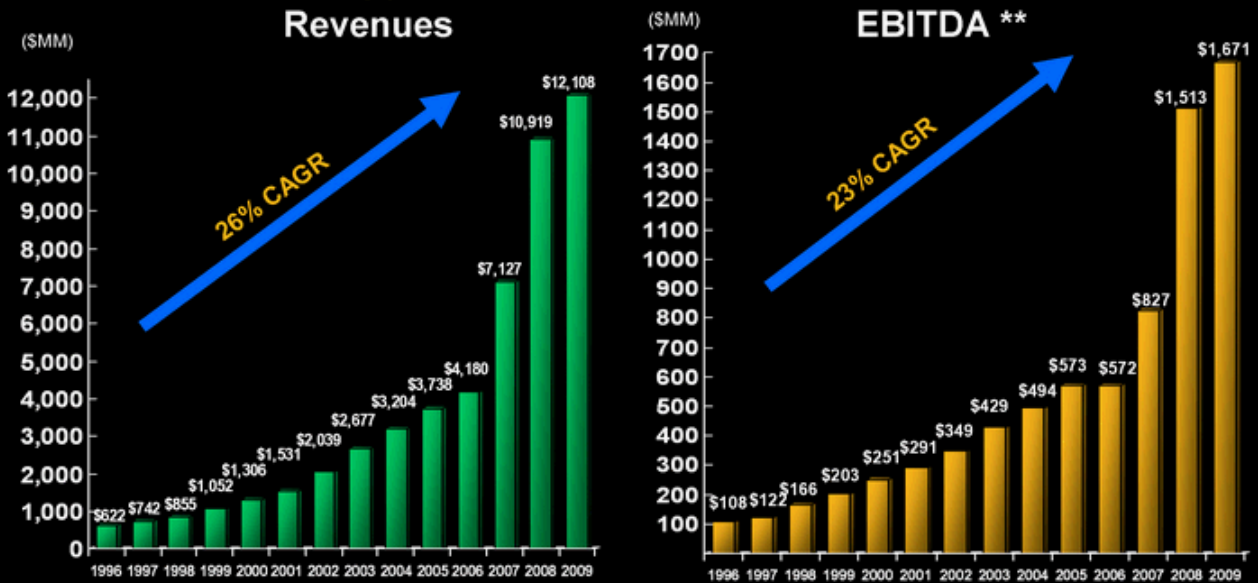
2010 Guidance
\$650 to \$750 million
 Includes \$50 million for replacement hospitals

Replacement Hospitals Including Corporate Office As a % of Net Revenue

2006	2007	2008	2009
1.1%	1.9%	1.1%	0.1%

Community Health's Strategy Has Delivered Results

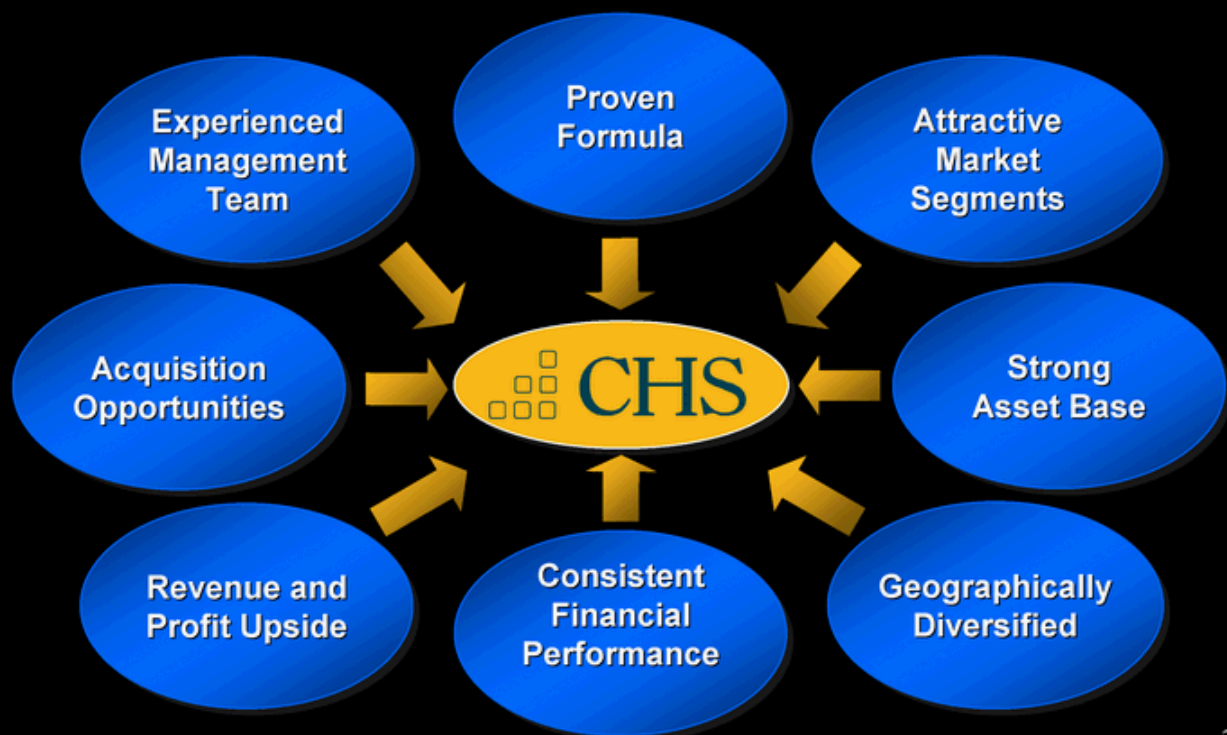
Strategy Produces Sustained Growth



2007 amounts include adjustments for change in estimate taken in Q407.
 2006 EBITDA includes increase in allowance for doubtful accounts of \$65 million taken in Q306.

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Unaudited Supplemental Information

EBITDA consists of net income attributable to Community Health Systems, Inc. before interest, income taxes, and depreciation and amortization. Adjusted EBITDA is EBITDA adjusted to exclude discontinued operations, gain/loss from early extinguishment of debt and net income attributable to noncontrolling interests. The Company has from time to time sold noncontrolling interests in certain of its subsidiaries or acquired subsidiaries with existing noncontrolling interest ownership positions. The Company believes that it is useful to present adjusted EBITDA because it excludes the portion of EBITDA attributable to these third party interests and clarifies for investors the Company's portion of EBITDA generated by continuing operations. The Company uses adjusted EBITDA as a measure of liquidity. The Company has included this measure because it believes it provides investors with additional information about the Company's ability to incur and service debt and make capital expenditures. Adjusted EBITDA is the basis for a key component in the determination of the Company's compliance with some of the covenants under the Company's senior secured credit facility, as well as to determine the interest rate and commitment fee payable under the senior secured credit facility.

Adjusted EBITDA is not a measurement of financial performance or liquidity under generally accepted accounting principles. It should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for net income, operating income, cash flows from operating, investing or financing activities, or any other measure calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The items excluded from adjusted EBITDA are significant components in understanding and evaluating financial performance and liquidity. This calculation of adjusted EBITDA may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies.

Unaudited Supplemental Information Continued

The following table reconciles ADJUSTED EBITDA, as defined, to net cash provided by operating activities as derived directly from the condensed consolidated financial statements (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 441,473	\$ 417,827	\$ 1,317,882	\$ 1,236,976
Interest expense, net	(164,011)	(161,823)	(486,308)	(487,209)
Provision for income taxes	(41,489)	(37,064)	(123,203)	(109,907)
Income from operations of hospitals sold and hospitals held for sale, net of taxes	-	-	-	1,977
Other non-cash expenses, net	20,055	30,352	28,027	52,406
Net changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects of acquisitions	100,557	107,061	161,979	206,517
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 356,585	\$ 356,353	\$ 898,377	\$ 900,760