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Re: Tenet Hospitals

Dear Gil:

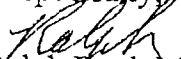
I read the article in the AMA news with great interest. The unreasonable and unprofessional attack of the Tenet Hospital against you is exactly the same thing that's happening to me here in Tennessee. I too have been summarily suspended without any recourse and I have had no luck getting my appeal. Harton Hospital is stonewalling me in much the same way. I have been told that my cases are terrible, but I can't get any information on what is so bad.

I have been told I have a right to a hearing, but I can't get any information that I have requested to be able to defend my position. I would like to get my charts reviewed by another physician, but I can't even get my own charts.

I am considering legal action against Tenet and Harton Hospital, and the revelation that Tenet has done exactly the same thing to you makes me feel that this is standard procedure for this organization. Since I am a lawyer as well as a doctor, I can tell you that we are very close to a class action lawsuit against Tenet. If we can find one more physician who was treated in such an illegal and inappropriate way, this would be sufficient to certify a class and contact every physician in the Tenet organization to find out if there has been more of this activity.

Please ask your attorneys to contact me, so we may begin to respond to these trumped up allegations in the only way that Tenet understands-in their wallet. My phone numbers are (931) 454-2296 at the office, (931) 454-2280 at home, (931) 455-5081 for fax, and (931) 393-9558 for my beeper. I hope to be hearing from you soon.

Respectfully,


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