

ENSIGN GROUP, INC  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Â Dalton Michael (Last) (First) (Middle)  C/O THE ENSIGN GROUP, INC.,Â 27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450  (Street)  MISSION VIEJO,Â CAÂ 92691  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 11/08/2007	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ENSIGN GROUP, INC [ENSG]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)  <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) President of a subsidiary	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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**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	45,500	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	11/01/2005 <sup>(1)</sup>	11/01/2015	Common Stock	20,000	\$ 5.75	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	07/26/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>	07/26/2016	Common Stock	50,000	\$ 7.5	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Dalton Michael C/O THE ENSIGN GROUP, INC. 27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450 MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691	Â	Â	Â President of a subsidiary	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Daniel Walker, as attorney-in-fact

11/08/2007

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## 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 Employee Stock Options are subject to a five year vesting schedule with 20% of the shares vesting each year and were fully exercisable on the date of grant for restricted stock subject to the same vesting schedule.

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### Remarks:

President of Bandera Healthcare, Inc.; Exhibit List: Exhibit 24 Power of Attorney for Michael C. D

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