

TRIAD HOSPITALS INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SHELTON JAMES D

(Last) (First) (Middle)

5800 TENNYSON PARKWAY

(Street)

PLANO, TX 75024

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
TRIAD HOSPITALS INC [TRI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/03/2004

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman, President, CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/03/2004		M	1,500 A \$ 11.5	252,240	D	
Common Stock	12/03/2004		S	1,500 D \$ 36.79	250,740	D	
Common Stock in HCA Inc. 1995 Management Stock Purchase Plan					443	D	
					104	D	

Common
Stock in HCA
Inc.
Employee
Stock
Purchase Plan

Common
Stock in Triad
Retirement
Savings Plan
ESOP Acct

Common
Stock in Triad
Retirement
Plan Stock
Fund

644 I By ESOP

158 I By 401(k)
Plan

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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 (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)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-qualified option (right to buy)	\$ 11.5	12/03/2004		M	1,500	<u>(1)</u> 06/10/2009	Common Stock	1,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
	X			

SHELTON JAMES D
5800 TENNYSON PARKWAY
PLANO, TX 75024

Chairman,
President,
CEO

Signatures

Donald P Fay,
Attorney-in-fact

12/06/2004

**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) The option vests in three installments: 47,100 shares on June 10, 1999, 72,100 shares on June 10, 2000, and 216,300 shares on April 27, 2001.

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