SHELTON JAMES D

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

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

(First)

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

TRIAD HOSPITALS INC [TRI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

5800 TENNYSON PARKWAY

(Month/Day/Year)

12/01/2004

_X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

below)

Chairman, President, CEO

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

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person

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PLANO, TX 75024

(City)

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. Securitie onor Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	d of (I	D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported (I)	(I) (Instr. 4)	,
Common Stock	12/01/2004		M	10,000	A	\$ 9.375	260,740	D	
Common Stock	12/01/2004		S(1)	10,000	D	\$ 36.5	250,740	D	
Common Stock	12/01/2004		M	191,700	A	\$ 11.5	442,440	D	
Common Stock	12/01/2004		S	3,500	D	\$ 36.79	438,940	D	
Common Stock	12/01/2004		S	161,700	D	\$ 36.75	277,240	D	

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Common Stock	12/01/2004	S	2,100	D	\$ 36.76	275,140	D	
Common Stock	12/01/2004	S	20,400	D	\$ 36.73	254,740	D	
Common Stock	12/01/2004	S	4,000	D	\$ 36.74	250,740	D	
Common Stock in HCA Inc. 1995 Management Stock Purchase Plan						443	D	
Common Stock in HCA Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan						104	D	
Common Stock in Triad Retirement Savings Plan ESOP Acct						644	I	By ESOP
Common Stock in Triad Retirement Plan Stock Fund						158	I	By 401(k) Plan

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and A
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	onDerivative	Expiration Date	Underlying S
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or		
	Derivative				Disposed of (D)		

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	Security			(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-qualified option (right to buy)	\$ 9.375	12/01/2004	M	10,000	05/26/1999	05/26/2009	Common Stock
Non-qualified option (right to buy)	\$ 11.5	12/01/2004	M	191,700	(2)	06/10/2009(3)	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SHELTON JAMES D 5800 TENNYSON PARKWAY	X		Chairman, President,				
PLANO, TX 75024	71		CEO CEO				

Signatures

Donald P Fay, Attorney-in-fact

**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) Sale pursuant to 10b5-1 trading plan.
- 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.
- (3) The expiration date was erroneously shown as 05/21/2012 in previous filings, and is corrected by this filing.

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