TRIAD HOSPITALS INC Form SC 13D/A April 11, 2002

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D (Rule 13d-101)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-2(a)

(Amendment No. 5)1

Triad Hospitals, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$.01 par value

(Title of Class of Securities)

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(CUSIP Number)

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

April 10, 2002

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition which is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Rule 13d-1(e), 13d-1(f) or 13d-1(g), check the following box [].

1 The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page. The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act.

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 Name of Reporting Person and I.R.S. Identification

Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe VIII, L.P.

No. of Above Person, if an Entity (Voluntary) _____ 2) Check the Appropriate Box (a) [] if a Member of a Group (b) [] _____ 3) SEC Use Only ______ 4) Source of Funds 00 -----5) Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Not Applicable Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) ______ 6) Citizenship or Place of Organization Delaware 7) Sole Voting 4,512,726 shares of Number of Shares Beneficially Power Common Stock Owned by Each Reporting Person 8) Shared Voting -0-Power _____ 9) Sole Disposi- 4,512,726 shares of tive Power Common Stock 10) Shared Dispositive Power -0-_____ 11) Aggregate Amount Beneficially 4,512,726 shares of Owned by Each Reporting Person Common Stock _____ 12) Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares

13) Percent of Class Represented by

Amount in Row (11)

Amount in Row (II)

14) Type of Reporting
Person PN

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Amendment No. 5 to Schedule 13D

6.2%

Reference is hereby made to the statement on Schedule 13D filed with the Commission on May 3, 2001, Amendment No. 1 thereto filed on September 5, 2001, Amendment No. 2 thereto filed on January 9, 2002, Amendment No.3 thereto filed on March 20, 2002 and Amendment No. 4 thereto filed on April 9, 2002 (as so amended, the "Schedule 13D"). Terms defined in the Schedule 13D are used herein as so defined.

 $\,$ Item 5 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and restated to read in its entirety as follows:

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

The following information is based on a total of 72,365,176 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of March 15, 2002, as reported in the Issuer's Report on Form 10-K for the period ended December 31, 2001 filed with the Commission on March 29, 2002:

(a)

WCAS VIII and VIII Associates

WCAS VIII owns 4,512,726 shares of Common Stock, or approximately 6.2% of the Common Stock outstanding. VIII Associates, as the general partner of WCAS VIII, may be deemed to beneficially own the securities owned by WCAS VIII.

Managing Members of VIII Associates

- (i) Patrick J. Welsh directly beneficially owns 34,584 shares of Common Stock and indirectly beneficially owns (through a family foundation) 30,803 shares of Common Stock, or less than 0.1% of the Common Stock outstanding.
- (ii) Russell L. Carson directly beneficially owns 612,966 shares of Common Stock (including 13,475 shares issuable upon exercise of stock options) and indirectly beneficially owns (through a trust for the benefit of his children) 1,232 shares of Common Stock, or in the aggregate approximately 0.8% of the Common Stock outstanding.
- (iii) Bruce K. Anderson owns 378,715 shares of Common Stock, or approximately 0.5% of the Common Stock outstanding.
- (iv) Thomas E. McInerney owns 117,868 shares of Common Stock, or approximately 0.2% of the Common Stock outstanding.
- (v) Robert A. Minicucci owns 2,445 shares of Common Stock, or less than 0.1% of the Common Stock outstanding.
- (vi) Anthony J. deNicola owns 3,493 shares of Common Stock, or less than 0.1% of the Common Stock outstanding.

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- (vii) Paul B. Queally owns 2,618 shares of Common Stock, or less than 0.1% of the Common Stock outstanding.
- (viii) Lawrence B. Sorrel owns 4,657 shares of Common Stock, or less than 0.1% of the Common Stock outstanding.
- (ix) Jonathan M. Rather owns 932 shares of Common Stock, or less than 0.1% of the Common Stock outstanding.
- (b) The managing members of VIII Associates may be deemed to share the power to vote or direct the voting of and to dispose or direct the disposition of the Common Stock owned by WCAS VIII. Each of the managing members of VIII Associates disclaims beneficial ownership of all Common Stock other than that he owns directly or by virtue of his indirect pro rata interest, as a managing member of VIII Associates, in the Common Stock owned by WCAS VIII.
 - (c) On March 19, 2002 Russell L. Carson sold 50,000 shares of Common

Stock in the open market at \$32.94 per share. On March 21, 2002 Anthony J. deNoicola sold 294 shares of Common Stock in the open market at \$33.00 per share. On March 22, 2002 Patrick J. Welsh sold 53,200 shares of Common Stock in the open market at \$33.44 per share. Between April 5, 2002 and April 11,2002, WCAS VIII sold an aggregate 1,250,000 shares of Common Stock in open market transactions, at an average sale price of \$35.73 per share.

- (d) Except as described in this statement, no person has the power to direct the receipt of dividends on or the proceeds of sales of the Common Stock owned by WCAS VIII.
 - (e) Not Applicable.

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Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

WELSH, CARSON, ANDERSON & STOWE VIII, L.P. By: WCAS VIII Associates, LLC, General Partner

By: /s/ Jonathan M. Rather

Managing Member

Dated: April 11, 2002