

SHELTON JAMES D  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN 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 \*  
 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)  
 02/01/2005

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)  
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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                                                                                        | (A) or (D)                                               | Price                                                 |
| Common Stock                                                 | 02/01/2005                           |                                                    | M                              |                                                                   | 10,000                                                                                        | A                                                        | \$ 17.07                                              |
| Common Stock                                                 | 02/01/2005                           |                                                    | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |                                                                   | 10,000                                                                                        | D                                                        | \$ 42                                                 |
| Common Stock in HCA Inc. 1995 Management Stock Purchase Plan |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |                                                                                               |                                                          | 443                                                   |
|                                                              |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |                                                                                               |                                                          | 104                                                   |

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

642 I By ESOP

156 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 Acquired (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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |       |                       |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V (A) (D)                                                                               | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date                                             | Title | Amount or Number of S |
| Non-qualified option (right to buy)        | \$ 17.07                                               | 02/01/2005                           |                                                    | M                              | 10,000                                                                                  | 04/27/2001 04/28/2010                                    | Common Stock                                                | 10,   |                       |

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SHELTON JAMES D  
5800 TENNYSON PARKWAY  
PLANO, TX 75024

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Chairman,  
President,  
CEO

## Signatures

Donald P Fay,  
Attorney-in-fact

02/02/2005

\*\*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.

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