

TRIAD HOSPITALS INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)  
12/09/2004

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  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 or Price		
Common Stock	12/09/2004		M		\$ 9.375	400,740	D
Common Stock	12/09/2004		M		\$ 11.5	543,040	D
Common Stock	12/09/2004		S		\$ 37.21	542,840	D
Common Stock	12/09/2004		S		\$ 37.2	470,440	D
Common Stock	12/09/2004		S		\$ 37.1	469,440	D

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Common Stock	12/09/2004	S	10,000	D	\$ 37.05	459,440	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2004	S	3,900	D	\$ 37.03	455,540	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2004	S	900	D	\$ 37.02	454,640	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2004	S	2,100	D	\$ 37.01	452,540	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2004	S	201,800	D	\$ 37	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)

