

WHITMAN BURKE W
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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 *
WHITMAN BURKE W

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
5800 TENNYSON PARKWAY

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/23/2004

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

EVP, Chief Financial Officer

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

PLANO, TX 75024

(City) (State) (Zip)

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	11/23/2004		M		50,000	A	\$ 11.5
Common Stock	11/23/2004		S		100	D	\$ 36.3
Common Stock	11/23/2004		S		49,900	D	\$ 36.0635
Common Stock in Triad Management Stock							8,841

Purchase
Plan

Common
Stock in
Triad
Retirement
Saving Plan
ESOP Acct

530

I

By ESOP

Common
Stock in
Triad
Retirement
Plan
Common
Stock Fund

60

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)	\$ 11.5	11/23/2004		M	50,000	04/27/2001 06/10/2009	Common Stock	50,	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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5800 TENNYSON PARKWAY
PLANO, TX 75024

EVP, Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

Donald P Fay,
Attorney-in-fact

11/23/2004

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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