

TRIAD HOSPITALS INC  
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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 \*  
**BEDENBAUGH JAMES R**

(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)  
**03/24/2005**

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)  
Sr. VP/Treasurer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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	03/24/2005		M		26,250	A	\$ 32.15
Common Stock	03/24/2005		M		8,000	A	\$ 25.94
Common Stock	03/24/2005		M		5,000	A	\$ 35.52
Common Stock	03/24/2005		S <sup>(1)</sup>		39,250	D	\$ 46
Common Stock in Triad							175
						I	By ESOP

Retirement  
Savings  
Plan ESOP  
Account

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 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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 32.15	03/24/2005		M	26,250	<u>(2)</u> 02/07/2012	Common Stock	26,250	
Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 25.94	03/24/2005		M	8,000	<u>(3)</u> 02/06/2013	Common Stock	8,000	
Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 35.52	03/24/2005		M	5,000	<u>(4)</u> 02/04/2014	Common Stock	5,000	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BEDENBAUGH JAMES R 5800 TENNYSON PARKWAY PLANO, TX 75024			Sr. VP/Treasurer	

## Signatures

Donald P Fay,  
Attorney-in-Fact

03/24/2005

\*\*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 Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.
- (2) The option vests in four equal annual installments, beginning February 7, 2003.
- (3) The option vests in four equal annual installments, beginning February 6, 2004
- (4) The option vests in four equal annual installments, beginning February 4, 2005.

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