

TRIAD HOSPITALS INC
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FORM 4

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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 *
KESLER DALE V

(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)
02/23/2005

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)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Common Stock | 02/23/2005 | | M | V Amount (A) or (D) Price 7,000 A \$ 11.5 | 7,500 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/23/2005 | | S | 7,000 D \$ 42.0114 | 500 | D | |
| Common Stock in Outside Directors Stock/Incentive Comp Plan | | | | | 3,480 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |

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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 11.5 | 02/23/2005 | | M | 7,000 | 04/27/2001 06/10/2009 | Common Stock | 7,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| KESLER DALE V 5800 TENNYSON PARKWAY PLANO, TX 75024 | X | | | |

Signatures

Donald P. Fay,
Attorney-in-fact

02/23/2005

**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) Deferred Stock Units payable in common stock, granted under the Triad Outside Directors Stock and Incentive Compensation Plan.

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