

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)  
PLANO, TX 75024

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

(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  | (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 |

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) |       |                       |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------|-----------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | 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 |
| WHITMAN BURKE W<br>5800 TENNYSON PARKWAY<br>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).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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