

HOLDEN CHRISTOPHER A  
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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 \*  
**HOLDEN CHRISTOPHER A**

(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)  
**03/02/2005**

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)  
 Division President

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  | (A) or (D)   | Price   |
| Common Stock   | 03/02/2005                           |  | M                              |   | 30,000  | A  | \$ 30   |
| Common Stock   | 03/02/2005                           |  | S                              |   | 30,000  | D  | \$ 43.9039  |
| Common Stock in Triad Management Stock Purchase Plan |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 3,354   |

|  |     |   |                      |
|--|-----|---|----------------------|
| Common<br>Stock in<br>Triad ESOP                                       | 707 | I | By ESOP              |
| Common<br>Stock in<br>Triad<br>Retirement<br>Saving Plan<br>Stock Fund | 146 | I | By<br>401(k)<br>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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount<br>Underlying Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |        |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|-------------------------------------|--------|
|   |  |   |   | Code                                 | V (A) (D)  | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date   | Title                               |        |
| Non-qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy)     | \$ 30  | 03/02/2005                              |   | M                                    | 30,000   | <u>(1)</u>   | 06/10/2009   | Common<br>Stock                     | 30,000 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                   | Relationships |           |                       |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer               | Other |
| HOLDEN CHRISTOPHER A<br>5800 TENNYSON PARKWAY<br>PLANO, TX 75024 |               |           | Division<br>President |       |

## Signatures

Donald P Fay,  
Attorney-in-Fact

03/03/2005

\_\_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) The option vests in two installments -- 3,013 shares on June 10, 1999 and 45,771 shares on April 27, 2001.

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