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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

HOLDEN CHRISTOPHER A			Symbol TRIAD HOSPITALS INC [TRI]				Issu	Issuer			
						J	(Check all applicable)				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 5800 TENNYSON PARKWAY			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2004					Director 10% Owner S Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
(Street) PLANO, TX 75024			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				App _X_	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
			(7:)						Person		
	(City)	(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									
	1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction (Month/Day/Y	Year) Execu any	Deemed tition Date, if th/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	ionor Dispo (Instr. 3,	sed of 4 and (A) or		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)
	Common Stock				Code	Milount	(D)	THEC	2,135 (1)	D	
	Common Stock in Triad Management Stock Purchase Plan	12/31/2004			A	672	A	\$ 25.9778	3,354	D	
	Common Stock in Triad ESOP								644	I	By ESOP

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Common Stock in Triad

By 148 I 401(k)Retirement Plan Saving Plan

Stock Fund

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8. Price of

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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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionNumber **Expiration Date** Amount of Security or Exercise Code of (Month/Day/Year) Underlying (Instr. 3) Price of Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Derivative (Instr. 3 and 4) Derivative Securities Security Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Amount

Date Expiration Title Number Exercisable Date of Shares

Code V (A) (D)

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HOLDEN CHRISTOPHER A 5800 TENNYSON PARKWAY **PLANO, TX 75024**

Division President

Signatures

Donald P Fay, 01/04/2005 Attorney-in-Fact

**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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Includes 673 shares formerly held in the Triad Management Stock Purchase Plan and 216 shares purchased under the Triad Employee Stock Purchase Plan on December 23, 2004.

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