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Check th if no lon subject to Section Form 4 Form 5 obligatio may cor <i>See</i> Insta 1(b).	Section 1 Public U	HANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES on 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, ic Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Sectio he Investment Company Act of 1940							Expires: January 31, 2005 Estimated average burden hours per response 0.5				
(Print or Type	Responses)												
	Address of Reporting I Y JOSEPH N	Person <u>*</u>	2. Issuer Symbol HCA IN			Ticker or	Tradiı	ıg	5. Relationship of Issuer				
(Last) (First) (Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction						(Check all applicable)				
ONE PARI	K PLAZA		(Month/D 01/01/2	-	r)				Director X Officer (give below) SVP -		o Owner er (specify t		
	(Street)		4. If Ame Filed(Mor			te Origina	l		6. Individual or Jo Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by C	One Reporting Pe	erson		
NASHVIL	LE, TN 37203								Form filed by M Person	lore than One Re	eporting		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - No	on-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deen Execution any (Month/E	n Date, if	Code (Instr.	8)	4. Securi n(A) or Di (Instr. 3, Amount	spose	d of (D)	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	12/16/2004			G		13	(D) D	\$ 0	32,199	D			
Stock	12/10/2004			U	v	15	D	φU	52,199	D			
Common Stock	12/31/2004			J <u>(1)</u>	V	650	А	\$0	32,849	D			
Common Stock	01/01/2005			A <u>(2)</u>		1,550	А	\$0	34,399	D			
Common Stock	01/01/2005			F		440	D	\$ 39.96	33,959	D			
Common Stock									108	Ι	By 401(k)		

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Common Stock	750	Ι	By Daughter
Common Stock	750	Ι	By Son

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)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,		ate	7. Title Amour Underl Securit (Instr. 1	nt of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secu Bene Owno Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V	4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships								
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other					
STEAKLEY JOSEPH N ONE PARK PLAZA NASHVILLE, TN 37203			SVP - Internal Audit						
Signatures									
By: /s/ John M. Franck II, Attorney-in-Fact		01/	04/2005						
**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) Ongoing acquisition of common stock from 1/1/2004 to 12/31/2004 under the HCA Employee Stock Purchase Plan and including dividend reinvestment of shares.

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(2) Pursuant to the HCA 1995 Management Stock Purchase Plan, which includes tax withholding rights, shares acquired at a 25% discount (\$29.08) and subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan.

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