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LIFEPOINT HOSPITALS INC

Form 8-K October 26, 2004

> UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 _____

> > FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): October 26, 2004 (October 26, 2004) ______

LIFEPOINT HOSPITALS, INC. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

0-29818 Delaware 52-2165845

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) Number)

Number)

(Commission File (I.R.S. Employer Identification

103 Powell Court, Suite 200 Brentwood, Tennessee 37027

_____ (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

> (615) 372-8500 _____

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not applicable _____

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- |_| Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- |_| Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 26, 2004, LifePoint Hospitals, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release with respect to results for its third quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2004. See the press release attached as Exhibit 99.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) Financial statements of businesses acquired.

None required

(b) Pro forma financial information.

None required

(c) Exhibits.

99 Copy of press release issued by the Company on October 26, 2004.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

LIFEPOINT HOSPITALS, INC.

By: /s/ Michael J. Culotta

Michael J. Culotta Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 26, 2004

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit

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Number	Description of Exhibits
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