

LIFEPOINT HOSPITALS, INC.  
Form 8-K  
December 19, 2008

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 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): December 16, 2008**

**LIFEPOINT HOSPITALS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**0-51251**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**20-1538254**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**103 Powell Court, Suite 200**  
**Brentwood, Tennessee**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**37027**  
(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 communication pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On December 19, 2008, LifePoint Hospitals, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release announcing that William F. Carpenter III, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, entered into a stock trading plan pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

A copy of the press release regarding the stock trading plan is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release dated December 19, 2008.

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EXHIBIT INDEX

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**SIGNATURES**

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

LIFEPOINT HOSPITALS, INC.

By: /s/ Paul D. Gilbert

Name: Paul D. Gilbert

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief  
Legal Officer

Dated: December 19, 2008