QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC

Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and MOHAPA	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC [DGX]				6	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
~	(First) ST DIAGNOSTIO DRATED, 3 GIRA	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/01/2011					_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
MADISON		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									ally Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Execution Date, any (Month/Day/Year)			Code (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)
Common Stock	08/01/2011			M(1)	13,620	A	\$ 48.74	370,692	D	
Common Stock	08/01/2011			S <u>(1)</u>	13,620	D	\$ 54.1184 (3)	357,262 <u>(4)</u>	D	
Common Stock								5,188 <u>(5)</u>	I	401(k)/sdcp

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)	ransaction Date 3A. Deemed nth/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		5. Number of on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 48.74	08/01/2011		M <u>(1)</u>	13,620	(2)	02/22/2012	Common Stock	13,620

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

X

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MOHAPATRA SURYA N C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED 3 GIRALDA FARMS MADISON, NJ 07940

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Chairman, President & CEO

Signatures

/s/ William J. O'Shaughnessy, Jr., Attorney in Fact for Surya N. Mohapatra

08/02/2011

**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 exercise and sale reported were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 sales plan adopted by the reporting person on February 15, 2011.
- (2) The options vested in three annual installments on February 22, 2006, February 22, 2007 and February 22, 2008.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$54.01 to \$54.53. The price reported above reflects the weighted (3) average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the
- issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.
- (4) This amount includes approximately 190 shares acquired via dividend reinvestment during 2011 pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan, sponsored by a broker-dealer, that essentially mirrors a dividend reinvestment plan sponsored by the registrant.

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These underlying shares were acquired on a periodic basis by the trustee of the Company's tax qualified Profit Sharing (401(k) and/or Supplemental Deferred Compensation Plan. The information was obtained from the plan administrator as of a recent date. The number of shares is based on the account balance of the Company stock fund under the plan (which includes some money market instruments) divided by the market price of the Company's stock as of that date.

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