QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

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

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See Instruction 1(b).

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

Stock

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MOHAPATRA SURYA N			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC [DGX]				_	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
	/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS NCORPORATED, 3 GIRALDA			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/10/2012					_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman, President & CEO			
(Street)			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				
MADISON	ADISON, NJ 07940							Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Ta	ble I - Non	-Derivativ	e Secu	ırities Acq	uired, Disposed	of, or Benefic	cially Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deeme Execution any (Month/Da	Date, if	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	otor Dispose (Instr. 3, 4	ed 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 Stock	02/10/2012			F	5,545 (1)	D	\$ 57.115	194,581	D			
Common Stock	02/13/2012			F	11,090 (1)	D	\$ 57.115	183,491	D			
Common Stock								5,209 (2)	I	401(k)/SDCP		
Common Stock								67,621 <u>(3)</u>	I	by Trust		

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of	
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transact	ionNumber	Expiration Date		Amou	nt of	Derivative	
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/Year)		Underl	lying	Security	
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative			Securities		(Instr. 5)	
	Derivative				Securities	3		(Instr.	3 and 4)		
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					(A) or						
					Disposed						
					of (D)						
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
						Date	Expiration		Or		
						Exercisable	able Date		Number		
				C-1- 1	7. (A) (D)				of		
				Code V	I (A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

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

X

Chairman, President & CEO

Signatures

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

02/14/2012

**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).
- Disposition of common stock to the issuer solely to cover tax withholding obligations arising from the vesting of a previous grant **(1)** of restricted shares.
 - These underlying shares were acquired on a periodic basis by the trustee of the Company's tax qualified Profit Sharing (401(k)) and Supplemental Deferred Compensation Plans. The information was obtained from the plan administrator as of a recent date.
- **(2)** The number of shares is based on the account balance of the Company stock fund under the plans (which include some money market instruments) divided by the market price of the Company's stock as of that date.
- **(3)** Shares held in Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts.

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Reporting Owners 2

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