

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PREVOZNIK MICHAEL E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC
[DGX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
10/27/2011

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ 10% Owner
_____ Other (specify below)
SVP & General Counsel

C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS
INCORPORATED, 3 GIRALDA
FARMS

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

MADISON, NJ 07940

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (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 Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount or Price (A) or (D)					
Common Stock	10/27/2011		M		68,000 (1)	A	\$ 35.5325	109,058	D	
Common Stock	10/27/2011		S		68,000 (2)	D	\$ 56.6801 (3)	41,058	D	
Common Stock	10/27/2011		M		48,000 (1)	A	\$ 48.74	89,058	D	
Common Stock	10/27/2011		S		48,000 (2)	D	\$ 56.6801	41,058	D	

(3)

Common Stock 4,332 (4) I 401k/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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of 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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 35.5325	10/27/2011		M	68,000	04/17/2006 02/27/2012	Common Stock	68,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 48.74	10/27/2011		M	48,000	02/22/2008 02/22/2012	Common Stock	48,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PREVOZNIK MICHAEL E
C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED
3 GIRALDA FARMS
MADISON, NJ 07940

SVP &
General
Counsel

Signatures

/s/ William J. O'Shaughnessy, Jr., Attorney in Fact for Michael E. Prevoznik

10/31/2011

**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 option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on the anniversary date of the grant.

(2) The sale reported was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 sales plan adopted by the reporting person on February 7, 2011.

This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$56.45 to \$56.98. The price reported above reflects the weighted 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.

(3) Due to circumstances beyond the control of the Reporting Person, these holdings have not been updated to reflect exempt acquisitions that have occurred since the date of the Reporting Person's most recently filed Form 4. The holdings will be updated on the next Form 4 filed by the Reporting Person

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