

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 MOHAPATRA SURYA N

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS
 INCORPORATED, 3 GIRALDA
 FARMS

(Street)

MADISON, NJ 07940

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 01/03/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chairman, President & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	01/03/2012		M ⁽²⁾		20,556 A \$ 48.74	310,383	D
Common Stock	01/03/2012		S ⁽²⁾		20,556 D \$ 58.6623	289,827	D
Common Stock						5,193 ⁽⁴⁾	I 401(k)/SDCP
Common Stock						67,621 ⁽⁵⁾	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 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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 48.74	01/03/2012		M ⁽²⁾	20,556	⁽¹⁾ 02/22/2012	Common Stock	20,556

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
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

01/04/2012

__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).
- (1) The options vested in three annual installments on February 22, 2006, February 22, 2007 and February 22, 2008.
- (2) The exercise and sale reported were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 sales plan adopted by the reporting person on February 15, 2011.
- (3) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$58.34 to \$58.99. 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.

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- (4) 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. 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.
- (5) Shares held in Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts.

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