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

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03/09/2010

Stock Common

Stock

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PREVOZNIK MICHAEL E Sy			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC [DGX]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
~	(First) ST DIAGNOSTIC DRATED, 3 GIRA		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/09/2010				Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) SVP & General Counsel				
	(Street) N, NJ 07940			nendment, I onth/Day/Ye	Oate Origin ear)	al		6. Individual or J Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by Form filed by Person	One Reporting	Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tal	ble I - Non-	-Derivative	e Secu	rities Acqu	iired, Disposed o	of, or Benefic	ially Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deeme Execution I any (Month/Da	Date, if	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or			(D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	03/09/2010			Code V A	Amount 12,138 (1)	(D)	Price \$ 0	64,195	D		
Common	03/09/2010			F	4,413	D	\$	59 782 (3)	D		

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)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Tripologies (national state of the state of	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 03/11/2010

**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) Stock issued by Quest Diagnostics Incorporated in settlement of a performance share award dated February 12, 2007, approved in accordance with the requirements of Rule 16b-3(d).
- (2) Disposition of common stock to the issuer solely to cover the tax withholding obligations arising from the settlement of said performance share award.
- (3) The amount includes exempt purchases made under the Company's stock purchase plan since the date of the last filing on Form 4.

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 obtain 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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