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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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * RING TIMOTHY M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC [DGX]

(Check all applicable)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

05/11/2012

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED, 3 GIRALDA **FARMS**

(Street)

(First)

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

MADISON, NJ 07940

(City) (State)

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 3. 4. Securities

5. Amount of

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Securities Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported

(A)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

2,798

Common Stock (2)

05/11/2012

Code V Amount Price (D) Α 1,975 \$0

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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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. Transactio 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)		3
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 57.565	05/11/2012		A	6,111	<u>(1)</u>	05/11/2022	Common Stock	6,111	

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
F	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
RING TIMOTHY M C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED 3 GIRALDA FARMS MADISON, NJ 07940	X				

Signatures

/s/ William J. O'Shaughnessy, Jr., attorney in fact for Timothy M. Ring 05/15/2012

**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 vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the first annual anniversary of the grant date.
- (2) Represents an award of restricted stock units.

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