Simmons Wayne R. Form 4 June 20, 2011

FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Simmons Wayne R. Issuer Symbol QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC (Check all applicable) [DGX] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS 06/16/2011 Vice President, Operations INCORPORATED, 3 GIRALDA

FARMS

(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 Form filed by More than One Reporting

MADISON, NJ 07940

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-D	Derivative S	Securi	ties Acqu	iired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly 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. Securit on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	sposed 4 and 3 (A) or	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	06/16/2011		M(2)	16,000	A	\$ 48.74	63,109	D	
Common Stock	06/16/2011		S(2)	16,000	D	\$ 60	47,150 <u>(3)</u>	D	
Common Stock							602 (4)	I	401(k)

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of onDerivative 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 48.74	06/16/2011		M(2)	16,000	<u>(1)</u>	02/22/2012	Common Stock	16,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Simmons Wayne R. C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED 3 GIRALDA FARMS MADISON, NJ 07940

Vice President, Operations

Signatures

/s/ William J. O'Shaughnessy, Jr., Attorney in Fact for Wayne R. Simmons

06/20/2011

**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 options vested in three annual installments on February 22, 2006, February 22, 2007 and February 22, 2008.
- The exercise and sale reported were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 sales plan adopted by the reporting person on February 22, 2011.
- (3) The amount includes exempt purchases made under the Company's stock purchase plan.
 - 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 obtained from the plan administrator as of a current date.

 The number of shares is based on the account balance of the Company stock fund under each Plan (which includes some money market instruments) divided by the market price of the Company stock as of that date.

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Reporting Owners 2

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