

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
ZIEGLER JOHN B

(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)  
05/30/2012

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)

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 (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/30/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>	382 A \$ 28.4175	21,036	D	
Common Stock	05/30/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>	482 A \$ 30.2825	21,518	D	
Common Stock	05/30/2012		S <sup>(1)</sup>	864 D \$ 58.13	20,654	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)

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. F
							Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 28.4175	05/30/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>	382	01/01/2003 01/01/2013	Common Stock	382
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 30.2825	05/30/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>	482	04/01/2003 04/01/2013	Common Stock	482

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ZIEGLER JOHN B  
C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED  
3 GIRALDA FARMS  
MADISON, NJ 07940

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## Signatures

/s/William J. O'Shaughnessy, Jr., Attorney in Fact for John B. Ziegler

05/31/2012

\_\_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 exercise and sale reported were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 sales plan adopted by the reporting person on May 15, 2012.

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