

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC

Form 4

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1(b).**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
PREVOZNIK MICHAEL E

(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)  
03/09/20094. 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)  
SVP & General Counsel6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       | 03/09/2009                              |                                                             | A                                       | (A)<br>or<br>(D)<br>Amount<br>5,795<br>(1)                              | \$ 0                                                                                                               | 46,177                                                               | D                                                                 |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 03/09/2009                              |                                                             | F                                       | (A)<br>or<br>(D)<br>Amount<br>2,107<br>(2)                              | \$<br>43.71                                                                                                        | 44,070 (3)                                                           | D                                                                 |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                         | 4,286 (4)                                                                                                          | I                                                                    | 401k/sdcp                                                         |

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V (A) (D)                                                                               | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date                                               | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares                                                                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                                    | Relationships                    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                                                                   | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| PREVOZNIK MICHAEL E<br>C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED<br>3 GIRALDA FARMS<br>MADISON, NJ 07940 | SVP &<br>General<br>Counsel      |

## Signatures

/s/ William J. O'Shaughnessy, Jr., Attorney in Fact for Michael E. Prevoznik 03/11/2009

\_\_\_\_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 15, 2006 approved in accordance with the requirements of Rule 16b-3(d).
- (2) Disposition of common stock to the issuer solely to cover 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.
- (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 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's stock as of that date.

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