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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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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Simmons Wayne R.			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC [DGX]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED, 3 GIRALDA FARMS			Date of Earliest Tr Ionth/Day/Year) 3/04/2011	ansaction			Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) Vice President, Operations			
MADISON	(Street) , NJ 07940		If Amendment, Da led(Month/Day/Year	U	1		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acqu	ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deem (Month/Day/Year) Execution any (Month/Day		Code 'Year) (Instr. 8)	Transaction(A) or Dispo Code (Instr. 3, 4 ar (Instr. 8)		d 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	03/04/2011		D	2,194 (1)	D	\$ 56.505	56,960 (2)	D		
Common							601 (3)	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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amoun	t of	Derivative	Deriv
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address Other Director 10% Owner Officer

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

03/08/2011

**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).
- Disposition of common stock to the issuer solely to cover tax withholding obligations arising from the vesting of a previous grant **(1)** of restricted shares.
- **(2)** 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 obtained from the plan administrator as of a current date.
- **(3)** 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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