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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement **OUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC [DGX]** Doherty Catherine T. (Month/Day/Year) 05/17/2011 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS (Check all applicable) INCORPORATED, 3 **GIRALDA FARMS** 10% Owner Director (Street) _X__ Officer Other 6. Individual or Joint/Group (give title below) (specify below) Filing(Check Applicable Line) SVP, Physician Services Bus. _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person MADISON. NJÂ 07940 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock 56,057 (1) D Common Stock 3,401 (2) Ι 401(k)/SDCP Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security
2. Date Exercisable and General Securities Underlying Derivative Security
3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Conversion Ownership Derivative Security
4. 5. 6. Nature of Indirect Conversion Ownership Derivative Security Form of Conversion Ownership (Instr. 5)

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		Expiration Date	(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	
	Date Exercisable		Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	(3)	02/15/2013	Common Stock	40,000	\$ 52.24	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	(3)	02/12/2014	Common Stock	43,334	\$ 52.25	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	(3)	02/19/2014	Common Stock	33,000	\$ 40.43	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	(3)	08/16/2014	Common Stock	25,000	\$ 53.19	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	(3)	03/04/2015	Common Stock	23,667	\$ 47.49	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	(3)	02/11/2019	Common Stock	23,667	\$ 51.2	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	(3)	02/10/2020	Common Stock	23,667	\$ 55.65	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	(3)	02/15/2021	Common Stock	23,667	\$ 56.82	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	(3)	05/16/2021	Common Stock	9,167	\$ 57.35	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships					
reporting owner name, marries	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Doherty Catherine T. C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED 3 GIRALDA FARMS MADISON, NJ 07940	Â	Â	SVP, Physician Services Bus.	Â			

Signatures

/s/ William J. O'Shaughnessy, Jr., Attorney in Fact for Catherine T.

Doherty

05/19/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 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.

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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.

(3) Stock options which vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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