

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC  
Form 8-K  
October 20, 2005  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): October 20, 2005

Commission file number 001-12215

**Quest Diagnostics Incorporated**

1290 Wall Street West

Lyndhurst, NJ 07071

(201) 393-5000

**Delaware**

(State of Incorporation)

**16-1387862**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

The following information is furnished pursuant to Item 2.02, Results of Operations and Financial Condition. On October 20, 2005, Quest Diagnostics Incorporated issued a press release announcing, among other things, its results for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2005. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

c. Exhibit

- 99.1 Press release of Quest Diagnostics Incorporated dated October 20, 2005 announcing, among other things, its results for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2005.

**Signature**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

October 20, 2005

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED

By: /s/ Robert A. Hagemann

Robert A. Hagemann

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer