QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * FLAHERTY JAMES F III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC

[DGX]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 05/16/2005

_X__ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

D

D

D

ONE MALCOLM AVENUE

(Middle)

(Zin

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

S

S

S

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

106.23

106.24

106.25

\$ 106.3 100

1,700

1,500

(Street)

(City)

Stock

Stock

Stock

Stock

Common

Common

Common

TETERBORO, NJ 07608

(State)

05/16/2005

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(City)	(State)	Table Table	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secui	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or			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	05/16/2005		S	1,800	D	\$ 106.2	3,200	D	
Common	05/16/2005		S	1,000	D	\$	2,200	D	

500

200

1,400

D

D

D

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 Common Stock
 05/16/2005
 S
 100
 D
 \$ 106.32
 D
 D

 Common Stock
 1,000 (1)
 I
 See footnote (1).

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transactio	5. orNumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration Da		7. Title an		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)		or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(a.16.11.2.2 dy), 1 cm)	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,	of (Month/Day/Year Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		Amount of Underlyin Securities (Instr. 3 a)	ng s	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
					Code V	4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	or Title Nu of	mount imber ares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

FLAHERTY JAMES F III
ONE MALCOLM AVENUE X
TETERBORO, NJ 07608

Signatures

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Gummaregula 05/18/2005

**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).

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(1) The shares are held in trust for Reporting Person's minor children. Reporting Person is not the trustee of such trust and disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

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