Doherty Catherine T. Form 4 February 14, 2012

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

**OMB APPROVAL** 

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> 10% Owner Other (specify

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

Common

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Doherty Catherine T.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC

[DGX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 02/10/2012

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED, 3 GIRALDA **FARMS** 

(Street)

(State)

02/10/2012

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

SVP, Physician Services Bus.

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Director

below)

X\_ Officer (give title

MADISON, NJ 07940

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

7. Nature of Indirect Ownership Form: Beneficial Direct (D) Ownership or Indirect (Instr. 4) (I)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price F 734 (1) D 55,323 57.115

(A)

Common 1,428 02/13/2012 F D 54.068 (2) (3) D (1) 57.115 Stock

Common  $3,425 \frac{(4)}{}$ Ι 401(k)/SDCP Stock

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. Derivative Conver Security or Exer (Instr. 3) Price of Deriva Securit	ve	4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or		ate	Secur	ınt of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo
			Disposed of (D)						Trans (Instr
			(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						
			(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Doherty Catherine T. C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED 3 GIRALDA FARMS MADISON, NJ 07940			SVP, Physician Services Bus.				

### **Signatures**

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

Doherty

02/14/2012

\*\*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) Disposition of common stock to the issuer solely to cover tax withholding obligations arising from the vesting of a previous grant of restricted share units.
- (2) The amount includes exempt purchases made under the Company's stock purchase plan since the date of the last filing on Form 3.
- The amount includes approximately 127 shares acquired via dividend reinvestment since the date of the last filing on Form 3 pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan, sponsored by a broker-dealer, that essentially mirrors a dividend reinvestment plan sponsored by the registrant.
- 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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