

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MOHAPATRA SURYA N

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS  
INCORPORATED, 3 GIRALDA  
FARMS

(Street)

MADISON, NJ 07940

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC  
[DGX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/26/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman, President & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/26/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 220,268   | A  | \$ 40.4275  |
| Common Stock                    | 01/26/2012                           |  | S                              |   | 220,268   | D  | \$ 59.1208<br>(2)                                     |
| Common Stock                    | 01/27/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 119,732   | A  | \$ 40.4275  |
| Common Stock                    | 01/27/2012                           |  | S                              |   | 119,732   | D  | \$ 290,126 (4)<br>59.0403                             |

(3)

|              |                       |   |             |
|--------------|-----------------------|---|-------------|
| Common Stock | 5,207 <sup>(5)</sup>  | I | 401(k)/SDCP |
| Common Stock | 67,621 <sup>(6)</sup> | I | by Trust    |

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 Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 40.4275   | 01/26/2012                           |  | M                              | 220,268   | <sup>(1)</sup> 02/19/2014                                |   | Common Stock | 220,268                    |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 40.4275   | 01/27/2012                           |  | M                              | 119,732   | <sup>(1)</sup> 02/19/2014                                |   | Common Stock | 119,732                    |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                           |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                   | Other |
| MOHAPATRA SURYA N<br>C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED<br>3 GIRALDA FARMS<br>MADISON, NJ 07940 | X             |           | Chairman, President & CEO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ William J. O'Shaughnessy, Jr., Attorney in Fact for Surya N. Mohapatra

01/30/2012

\*\*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) The options vested in three annual installments on February 19, 2005, February 19, 2006 and February 19, 2007.

This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$59.00 to \$59.70. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.

(3) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$59.00 to \$59.13. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.

(4) The amount includes approximately 299 shares acquired via dividend reinvestment during the first quarter of 2012 pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan, sponsored by a broker-dealer, that essentially mirrors a dividend reinvestment plan sponsored by the registrant.

(5) These underlying shares were acquired on a periodic basis by the trustee of the Company's tax qualified Profit Sharing Plan (401(k)). 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 the Plan (which includes some money market instruments) divided by the market price of the Company stock as of that date.

(6) Shares held in Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts.

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