Cohen Jon R Form 4 February 29, 2012

FORM 4

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

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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,

See Instruction 1(b).

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obligations

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Cohen Jon R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC

[DGX]

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

(Month/Day/Year)

02/27/2012

(Zip)

(Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)

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

(State)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

SVP, Hosp. Svcs. Bus. and CMO

Applicable Line)

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

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

Issuer

MADISON, NJ 07940

(City)

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported

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

Code V Amount Price (D)

Common 02/27/2012 \$0 A 6.620 Α 41,016 D Stock (2)

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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day)	ate	7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 57.605	02/27/2012		A	41,040	<u>(1)</u>	02/27/2022	Common Stock	41,040

Reporting Owners

	ationships
Reporting Owner Name / Address	***

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Cohen Jon R C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS 3 GIRALDA FARMS MADISON, NJ 07940

SVP, Hosp. Svcs. Bus. and CMO

Signatures

/s/ William J. O'Shaughnessy, Jr., Attorney in Fact for Jon R. Cohen

02/29/2012

**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 vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the first annual anniversary of the grant date.
- (2) Represents an award of restricted share units granted on February 27, 2012.

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