

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC

Form 8-K

October 19, 2006

**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 19, 2006

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 19, 2006, Quest Diagnostics Incorporated issued a press release announcing, among other things, its results for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2006. 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 19, 2006, announcing, among other things, its results for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2006.
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**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 19, 2006

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS  
INCORPORATED

By: /s/ Robert A. Hagemann  
Robert A. Hagemann  
Senior Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer

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