

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PREVOZNIK MICHAEL E

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/11/2009

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
SVP & General Counsel

C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS
INCORPORATED, 3 GIRALDA
FARMS

(Street)

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

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

MADISON, NJ 07940

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	02/11/2009		A		9,678	A	\$ 0
Common Stock					41,251 ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾	D	
					4,273 ⁽⁴⁾	I	401k/sdcp

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)
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 51.2	02/11/2009		A	30,000	<u>(5)</u> 02/11/2019 ⁽⁶⁾	Common Stock 30,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PREVOZNIK MICHAEL E C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED 3 GIRALDA FARMS MADISON, NJ 07940			SVP & General Counsel	

Signatures

/s/ William J. O'Shaughnessy, Jr., Attorney in Fact for Michael E. Prevoznik

02/13/2009

**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) Represents an award of restricted share units granted on February 11, 2009.
- (2) The amount includes exempt purchases made under the Company's stock purchase plan since the date of the last filing on Form 4.
- (3) The amount includes approximately 157 shares acquired via dividend reinvestment during 2008 pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan, sponsored by a broker-dealer, that essentially mirrors a dividend reinvestment plan sponsored by the registrant.
- (4) 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 stock as of that date.
- (5) The options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (6) The plan pursuant to which the stock options were granted has been amended, subject to approval of the Issuer's stockholders, to provide for a maximum option term of ten years from the grant date. If stockholders fail to approve the plan amendments at the 2009 annual meeting of stockholders, the term of the options reported on herein will revert to seven years (so that the expiration

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date will be 2/11/2016) in accordance with the terms of the plan prior to amendment.

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