QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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See Instruction 1(b).

(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)			
(M				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/10/2013				Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
MADISON, NJ 07940 — Form filed by More than One Reporting Person											
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Ta	ble I - Noi	n-Deriva	tive Sec	curities Acq	uired, Disposed o	of, or Benefic	ially Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deeme Execution I any (Month/Da	Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) ar) (Instr. 8) (A)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
				Code V	Amou	or nt (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	02/10/2013			F	1,358 (1)	D	\$ 58.45	46,867 (2) (3)	D		
Common Stock	02/12/2013			S(5)	3,481	D	\$ 57.4761 (6)	43,386	D		
Common Stock								4,428 <u>(4)</u>	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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	isable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of	- 1
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration Da	ite	Amou	ınt of	Derivative]
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(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)	
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					of (D)						
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					4, and 5)						
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						Date	Evaluation		or		
						Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title N	Number		
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

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

02/12/2013

**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.
- The amount includes approximately 42 shares acquired via dividend reinvestment since the date of the last filing on Form 4 pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan, sponsored by a broker-dealer, that essentially mirrors a dividend reinvestment plan sponsored by the registrant.
- (3) The amount includes exempt purchases made under the Company's stock purchase plan since the filing of the last Form 4.
- (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 obtain from the plan administrator as of a recent date. The number of

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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's stock as of that date.

- (5) The sale reported was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 sales plan adopted by the reporting person on February 7, 2011.
 - This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$57.16 to \$57.73. The price reported above reflects the weighted
- (6) 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.

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