

Doherty Catherine T.
Form 4
February 29, 2012

FORM 4

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Doherty Catherine T.

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)
C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS
INCORPORATED, 3 GIRALDA
FARMS

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/27/2012

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
SVP, Physician Services Bus.

(Street)
MADISON, NJ 07940

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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Person

(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. 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)
Common Stock ⁽²⁾	02/27/2012		A	7,097 A \$ 0	60,471 ⁽³⁾	D	
Common Stock					3,424 ⁽⁴⁾	I	401(k)/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)	8. Date of Acquisition or Disposition (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 57.605	02/27/2012		A	44,000	(1) 02/27/2022	Common Stock	44,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Doherty Catherine T. C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED 3 GIRALDA FARMS MADISON, NJ 07940	Director 10% Owner Officer Other SVP, Physician Services Bus.

Signatures

/s/ William J. O'Shaughnessy, Jr., Attorney in Fact for Catherine T. Doherty
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.
- (3) The amount includes exempt purchases made under the Company's stock purchase plan.
- (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's stock as of that date.

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