QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Middle)

(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MOHAPATRA SURYA N

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC

[DGX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 02/08/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify below)

President & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

Person

ONE MALCOLM AVENUE

(Street)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

TETERBORO, NJ 07608

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit ord Dispos (Instr. 3, 4)	ed of	` '	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	02/08/2005		M	56,241	A	\$ 9.53	112,310 (1)	D	
Common Stock	02/08/2005		S	50,799	D	\$ 98.5025	61,511 (1)	D	
Common Stock	02/08/2005		F	5,442	D	\$ 98.5025	56,069 (1)	D	
Common Stock							2,466 (2)	I	401K

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	iorDerivative Securities		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shar
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 9.53	02/08/2005		M		56,241	02/03/1999	02/03/2009	Common Stock	56,24
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 98.5025	02/08/2005		A	5,442		02/08/2006	02/03/2009	Common Stock	5,44

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
MOHAPATRA SURYA N							
ONE MALCOLM AVENUE	X		President & CEO				
TETERRORO NI 07608							

Signatures

Sirisha

Gummaregula 02/10/2005

**Signature of Person Date

Reporting Person

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) Includes 20,000 shares directly beneficially owned by Reporting Person as grantor/trustee of a qualified Grantor Retained Annuity Trust.
- These underlying shares were acquired on a periodic basis by the trustee of the Company's tax qualified Profit Sharing (401(k)) plan. The information was obtained from the plan adminstrator as of a recent date. The number of 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.

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