

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC
Form SC 13G/A
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No: 8)

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

74834L100

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2018

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)
- Rule 13d-1(c)
- Rule 13d-1(d)

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

CUSIP No. 74834L100

(1) Names of reporting persons. BlackRock, Inc.

(2) Check the appropriate box if a member of a group

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- (a) []
- (b) [X]

(3) SEC use only

(4) Citizenship or place of organization

Delaware

Number of shares beneficially owned by each reporting person with:

(5) Sole voting power

11444189

(6) Shared voting power

0

(7) Sole dispositive power

13008315

(8) Shared dispositive power

0

(9) Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person

13008315

(10) Check if the aggregate amount in Row (9) excludes certain shares

(11) Percent of class represented by amount in Row 9

9.6%

(12) Type of reporting person

HC

Item 1.

Item 1(a) Name of issuer:

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED

Item 1(b) Address of issuer's principal executive offices:

500 PLAZA DRIVE
SECAUCUS NJ 07094

Item 2.

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2(a) Name of person filing:

BlackRock, Inc.

2(b) Address or principal business office or, if none, residence:

BlackRock, Inc.
55 East 52nd Street
New York, NY 10055

2(c) Citizenship:

See Item 4 of Cover Page

2(d) Title of class of securities:

Common Stock

2(e) CUSIP No.:

See Cover Page

Item 3.

If this statement is filed pursuant to Rules 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

- Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act;
- Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act;
- Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act;
- Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940;
- An investment adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- A parent holding company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- A savings associations as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);
- A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940;
- A non-U.S. institution in accordance with Rule 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J);
- Group, in accordance with Rule 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K). If filing as a non-U.S. institution in accordance with Rule 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J), please specify the type of institution:

Item 4. Ownership

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

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Amount beneficially owned:

13008315

Percent of class

9.6%

Number of shares as to which such person has:

Sole power to vote or to direct the vote

11444189

Shared power to vote or to direct the vote

0

Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

13008315

Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

0

Item 5.

Ownership of 5 Percent or Less of a Class. If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than 5 percent of the class of securities, check the following [].

Item 6. Ownership of More than 5 Percent on Behalf of Another Person

If any other person is known to have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, such securities, a statement to that effect should be included in response to this item and, if such interest relates to more than 5 percent of the class, such person should be identified. A listing of the shareholders of an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 or the beneficiaries of employee benefit plan, pension fund or endowment fund is not required.

Various persons have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of the common stock of

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED.

No one person's interest in the common stock of

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED

is more than five percent of the total outstanding common shares.

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Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person.

See Exhibit A

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

If a group has filed this schedule pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b) (ii) (J), so indicate under Item 3(j) and attach an exhibit stating the identity and Item 3 classification of each member of the group. If a group has filed this schedule pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c) or Rule 13d-1(d), attach an exhibit stating the identity of each member of the group.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group

Notice of dissolution of a group may be furnished as an exhibit stating the date of the dissolution and that all further filings with respect to transactions in the security reported on will be filed, if required, by members of the group, in their individual capacity.

See Item 5.

Item 10. Certifications

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

Signature.

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 5, 2019
BlackRock, Inc.

Signature: Spencer Fleming

Name/Title Attorney-In-Fact

The original statement shall be signed by each person on whose behalf the statement is filed or his authorized representative. If the statement is signed on behalf of a person by his authorized representative other than an executive officer or general partner of the filing person, evidence of the representative's authority to

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sign on behalf of such person shall be filed with the statement, provided, however, that a power of attorney for this purpose which is already on file with the Commission may be incorporated by reference. The name and any title of each person who signs the statement shall be typed or printed beneath his signature.

Attention: Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute Federal criminal violations (see 18 U.S.C. 1001).

Exhibit A

Subsidiary

BlackRock Life Limited
BlackRock International Limited
BlackRock Advisors, LLC
BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association
BlackRock Asset Management Ireland Limited
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.
BlackRock Asset Management Schweiz AG
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited
BlackRock (Luxembourg) S.A.
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited
BlackRock Fund Advisors
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited
BlackRock Fund Managers Ltd

*Entity beneficially owns 5% or greater of the outstanding shares of the security class being reported on this Schedule 13G.

Exhibit B

POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned, BLACKROCK, INC., a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, United States (the "Company"), does hereby make, constitute and appoint each of Christopher Meade, Daniel Waltcher, Una Neary, Richard Cundiff, Charles Park, Enda McMahon, Arlene Klein, Con Tzatzakis, Karen Clark, David Maryles, Daniel Ronnen, John Stelley, Daniel Riemer, Elizabeth Kogut, Maureen Gleeson, Daniel Kalish and Spencer Fleming acting severally, as its true and lawful attorneys-in-fact, for the purpose of, from time to time, executing in its name and on its behalf, whether the Company individually or as representative of others, any and all documents, is acting certificates, instruments, statements, other filings and amendments to the foregoing (collectively, "documents") determined by such person to be necessary or appropriate to comply with ownership or control-person

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reporting requirements imposed by any United States or non-United States governmental or regulatory authority, including without limitation Forms 3, 4, 5, 13D, 13F, 13G and 13H and any amendments to any of the foregoing as may be required to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and delivering, furnishing or filing any such documents with the appropriate governmental, regulatory authority or other person, and giving and granting to each such attorney-in-fact power and authority to act in the premises as fully and to all intents and purposes as the Company might or could do if personally present by one of its authorized signatories, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof. Any such determination by an attorney-in-fact named herein shall be conclusively evidenced by such person's execution, delivery, furnishing or filing of the applicable document.

This power of attorney shall expressly revoke the power of attorney dated 8th day of December, 2015 in respect of the subject matter hereof, shall be valid from the date hereof and shall remain in full force and effect until either revoked in writing by the Company, or, in respect of any attorney-in-fact named herein, until such person ceases to be an employee of the Company or one of its affiliates.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this power of attorney to be executed as of this 2nd day of January, 2019.

BLACKROCK, INC.

By: /s/ Daniel Waltcher
 Name: Daniel Waltcher
 Title: Deputy General Counsel

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 18.9	11/09/2015		M	20,000	<u>(5)</u>	03/09/2016	Common Stock	20,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
El-Hibri Fuad 400 PROFESSIONAL DRIVE, SUITE 400 GAITHERSBURG, MD 20879	X	X	Chairman	

Signatures

/s/ Carl A. Valenstein,
attorney-in-fact

11/10/2015

**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) Consists of an option granted under the company's stock incentive plan on March 10, 2009.
 - (2) All sales listed on this Form 4 were made by the Reporting Person pursuant to a plan adopted on May 11, 2015 that is intended to comply with Rule 10b5-1(c) under the Exchange Act.
Mr. El-Hibri's holdings through Intervac, L.L.C. include 1,638,403 shares of Common Stock held by Mr. El-Hibri and his wife, as tenants by the entirety, through their 37.7% equity interest in Intervac, L.L.C.; 127,721 shares held by Mr. El-Hibri's wife; and 584,207 shares held by trusts indirectly controlled by Mr. El-Hibri or his wife. Mr. El-Hibri disclaims beneficial ownership, for purposes of Section 16 of the Exchange Act or otherwise, of those shares held solely by his wife and those shares held by the trusts.
 - (3) Mr. El-Hibri holds individually and with his wife, as tenants by the entirety, an aggregate 89.2% equity interest in Biovac, L.L.C. Biovac, L.L.C. is the direct owner of 1,524,155 shares of Common Stock. Mr. El-Hibri disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock directly owned by Biovac, L.L.C. for purposes of Section 16, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest in 1,359,546 shares.
 - (4) L.L.C. is the direct owner of 1,524,155 shares of Common Stock. Mr. El-Hibri disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock directly owned by Biovac, L.L.C. for purposes of Section 16, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest in 1,359,546 shares.
 - (5) The option vested in three equal installments on March 9, 2010, March 9, 2011 and March 9, 2012.

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