

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC
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FORM 4

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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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS
INCORPORATED, 3 GIRALDA
FARMS

(Street)

MADISON, NJ 07940

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
07/29/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	07/29/2009		M		34,000	A	\$ 26.075
Common Stock	07/29/2009		M		34,000	A	\$ 26.075
Common Stock	07/29/2009		S		68,000	D	\$ 55.121 (1)
Common Stock							4,286 (3)

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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)		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 26.075	07/29/2009		M	34,000	02/21/2005 02/21/2011	Common Stock	34,000	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 26.075	07/29/2009		M	34,000	02/21/2004 02/21/2011	Common Stock	34,000	

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

07/30/2009

__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) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$54.96 to \$55.19. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a

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security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.

- (2) The amount includes exempt purchases made under the Company's stock purchase plan since the date of the last filing on Form 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.
- (3) 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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