

Doherty Catherine T.
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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 *
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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/08/2012

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

C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS
INCORPORATED, 3 GIRALDA
FARMS

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

MADISON, NJ 07940

(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. 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	08/08/2012		M	A	\$ 52.235	105,914	D
Common Stock	08/08/2012		S	D	\$ 60.1081	66,016 ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾	D
Common Stock						3,441 ⁽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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 52.235	08/08/2012		M	40,000	⁽⁵⁾ 02/15/2013	Common Stock	40,000

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ William J. O'Shaughnessy, Jr., Attorney in Fact for Catherine T. Doherty
 08/09/2012

__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) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$60.04 to \$60.23. 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 security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.
- (2) The amount includes approximately 86 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 date of the last filing on Form 4.

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- These underlying shares were acquired on a periodic basis by the trustee of the Company's tax qualified Profit Sharing Plan (401(k)). 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 the Plan (which includes some money market instruments) divided by the market price of the Company stock as of that date.
- (4)
 - (5) The options vested in three annual installments with the first on February 15, 2007, the second on February 15, 2008 and the final on February 15, 2009.

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