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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Miller Joan Elizabeth Issuer Symbol QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC [DGX] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director

(Month/Day/Year)

11/06/2009

(Check all applicable)

SVP-Pathology & Hosp. 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)

X_ Officer (give title

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

Person

below)

MADISON, NJ 07940

(City)	ity) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owner									
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			Beneficially Form: Owned Direct Following or India Reported (I)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	Beneficial D) Ownership ect (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	(111511. 1)		
Common Stock	11/06/2009		M	5,800	A	\$ 30.3425	64,761	D		
Common Stock	11/06/2009		M	16,000	A	\$ 40.4275	80,761	D		
Common Stock	11/06/2009		S	21,800	D	\$ 57.7	58,961 <u>(1)</u>	D		
Common Stock							4,479 (2)	I	SDCP	

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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 onDerivative 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)		\$ 1 5 (
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 30.3425	11/06/2009		M	5,800	<u>(3)</u>	10/14/2013	Common Stock	5,800	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 40.4275	11/06/2009		M	16,000	<u>(4)</u>	02/19/2014	Common Stock	16,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Miller Joan Elizabeth C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED 3 GIRALDA FARMS MADISON, NJ 07940

SVP-Pathology & Hosp. Services

Signatures

/s/ William J. O'Shaughnessy, Jr., Attorney in Fact for Joan Elizabeth Miller

11/10/2009

**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) The amount includes exempt purchases made under the Company's stock purchase plan.

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- These underlying shares were acquired on a periodic basis by the trustee of the Company's 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 the Plan (which includes some money market instruments) divided by the market price of the Company's stock as of that date.
- (3) The options vested in three installments beginning with the first on October 14, 2004, the second on October 14, 2005 and the final on October 14, 2006.
- (4) The options vested in three installments beginning with the first on February 19, 2005, the second on February 19, 2006 and the final on February 19, 2007.

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