#### QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC

Form 4

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#### FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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**SECURITIES** 

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MOHAPATRA SURYA N			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)			_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)						
C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED, 3 GIRALDA FARMS			10/28/2011					Chairman, President & CEO				
	(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
MADISO						Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Ta	ble I - Non	-Derivativ	e Secı	ırities Ac	quired, Disposed	d of, or Benef	icially Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deeme Execution any (Month/Da	Date, if	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	sposed	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	Securities Ownership Indirect Beneficially Form: Beneficially Owned Direct (D) Owner Following or Indirect (Instr. (Reported)			
				Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	(mou. i)			
Common Stock	10/28/2011			M	50,000	A	\$ 24.76	339,827	D			
Common Stock	10/28/2011			S	50,000	D	\$ 57.41 (2)	289,827	D			
Common Stock								5,194 <u>(3)</u>	I	401(k)/SDCP		
Common Stock								67,621 (4)	I	by Trust		

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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)	orDerivative		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	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.76	10/28/2011		M		50,000	<u>(1)</u>	02/13/2013	Common Stock	50,000	

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MOHAPATRA SURYA N C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED 3 GIRALDA FARMS MADISON, NJ 07940

X

Chairman, President & CEO

# **Signatures**

/s/ William J. O'Shaughnessy, Jr., Attorney in Fact for Surya N. Mohapatra

11/01/2011

\*\*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).
- The options vested in three installments beginning with the first on February 13, 2004, the second on February 13, 2005 and the final on February 13, 2006.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$56.82 to \$57.67. 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.

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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. 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 stock as of that date.

(4) Shares held in Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts.

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