

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
MOHAPATRA SURYA N

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS
INCORPORATED, 1290 WALL
STREET WEST

(Street)

LYNDHURST, NJ 07071

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/22/2006

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)
Chairman, President & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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

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	05/22/2006		M	32,940 A	\$ 4.765	145,064	D
Common Stock	05/22/2006		M	52,000 A	\$ 6.585	197,064	D
Common Stock	05/22/2006		F	6,006 D	\$ 57.0211	191,058	D
Common Stock	05/22/2006		F	2,753 D	\$ 57.0211	188,305	D
	05/22/2006		S	76,179 D		112,126 ⁽¹⁾	D

1290 WALL STREET WEST
LYNDHURST, NJ 07071

CEO

Signatures

Michael E. Prevoznik, atty-in-fact for Surya N.
Mohapatra

05/24/2006

__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) On June 20, 2005, the Company effected a 2-for-1 stock split of the Common Stock in the form of a 100% stock dividend. All prior holdings, including stock options, have been adjusted to reflect the stock split. This amount also includes 29,542 shares directly beneficially owned by Reporting Person as grantor/trustee of a qualified Grantor Retained Annuity Trust. Reporting Person is in compliance with the Company's executive share ownership guidelines.

(2) These underlying shares were acquired on a periodic basis by the trustee of the Company's tax qualified Profit Sharing (401(k)) and Supplemental Deferred Compensation Plans. The information was obtained from the plan administrator as of a recent date. The number of shares is based on the account balance of the Company stock fund under the plans (which include some money market instruments) divided by the market price of the Company's stock as of that date.

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