

MOHAPATRA SURYA N
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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 *
 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)
 ONE MALCOLM AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/22/2005

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 President & CEO

TETERBORO, NJ 07608
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	56,069 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	2,466 ⁽²⁾	I	401K

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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 97.48	02/22/2005		A		123,333		02/22/2006	02/22/2015	Common Stock	123,333

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MOHAPATRA SURYA N ONE MALCOLM AVENUE TETERBORO, NJ 07608	X		President & CEO	

Signatures

Sirisha Gummaregula 02/24/2005
 __Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

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).
- Certain of these shares are subject to restrictions on transfer, the possibility of forfeiture and/or certain other terms contained in the underlying stock agreements and related plan documents. Includes 20,000 shares directly beneficially owned by Reporting Person as grantor/trustee of a qualified Grantor Retained Annuity Trust.
- (1) These underlying shares were acquired on a periodic basis by the trustee of the Company's tax qualified Profit Sharing (401(k)) plan. 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 plan (which includes some money market instruments) divided by the market price of the Company's stock as of that date.
 - (2) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on the anniversary of this grant.
 - (3)

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