

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Doherty Catherine T.</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED</u> <u>3 GIRALDA FARMS</u> (Street) <u>MADISON NJ 07940</u> (City) (State) (Zip)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC [DGX]</u>		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>SVP, Group Exec. Clin. Fran.</u>
3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>03/02/2017</u>			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		
6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	03/02/2017		A		12,520 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$98.12	87,809	D	
Common Stock	03/02/2017		F		6,492 ⁽²⁾	D	\$98.12	81,317	D	
Common Stock	03/02/2017		S ⁽³⁾		1,134	D	\$98.25	80,183	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2017		S ⁽³⁾		6,028	D	\$98.29	74,155	D	
Common Stock								3,767 ⁽⁴⁾	I	401(k)/SDCP

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

Explanation of Responses:

- Stock issued by Quest Diagnostics Incorporated in settlement of a performance share award dated February 13, 2014, approved in accordance with the requirements of Rule 16b-3(d).
- Disposition of common stock to the issuer solely to cover tax withholding obligations arising from the settlement of said performance share award.
- The sale reported was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 sales plan adopted by the reporting person on January 30, 2017.
- 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's stock as of that date.

Remarks:

/s/ William J. O'Shaughnessy,
Jr., Attorney in Fact for 03/06/2017
Catherine T. Doherty

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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).

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