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SECURITIES

Form 5 Fobligations may continue. See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

Miller Joa	_	Symbol QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC [DGX]					Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED, 3 GIRALDA FARMS			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/03/2012					Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) SVP-Oncology & Neurology Srvcs			
					Date Origin ear)	nal		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(CheckApplicable Line)_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
MADISON, NJ 07940 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person									ne Reporting		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tal	ble I - Non	-Derivativ	e Secu	ırities Acc	quired, Disposed	l of, or Benef	icially Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	d 3. 4. Securities Acquired Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (//Year) (Instr. 8) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price					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)		
Common Stock	02/03/2012			M	13,333	A	\$ 55.65	91,072	D		
Common Stock	02/03/2012			S	13,333	D	\$ 58.5	77,865 (2)	D		
Common Stock								1,047 (3)	I	401(k)/SDCP	

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)			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)	\$ 55.65	02/03/2012		M		13,333	<u>(1)</u>	02/10/2020	Common Stock	13,333

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-Oncology & Neurology Srvcs

Signatures

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

02/07/2012

**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) 40,000 options granted on February 10, 2010 vest in equal annual installments beginning on the first annual anniversary of the grant date.
- (2) The amount includes exempt purchases made under the Company's stock purchase plan since the date of the last filing on Form 4.
- These underlying shares were acquired on a periodic basis by the trustees of the Company's Profit Sharing (401(k)) and Supplemental Deferred Compensation Plans. The information was obtained from the plan administrators as of a recent date. The number of shares is based on the account balance of the Company's 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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