QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * FLAHERTY JAMES F III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

[DGX] (First) (Middle)

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

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

X_ Director Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

ONE MALCOLM AVENUE

04/01/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

Issuer

TETERBORO, NJ 07608

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

4. Securities

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial (D) or Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

 $1,000^{(1)}$

Code V Amount (D) Price

Common Stock

5,000

D

See footnote (1).

Common

Stock

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)

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number op of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exerci Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	te	7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 105.38	04/01/2005		A	740	04/01/2005	04/01/2015	Common Stock	740

Reporting Owners

	Relationships
Reporting Owner Name / Address	•

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

FLAHERTY JAMES F III
ONE MALCOLM AVENUE X
TETERBORO, NJ 07608

Signatures

Sirisha

Gummaregula 04/05/2005

**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) The shares are held in trust for Reporting Person's minor children. Reporting Person is not the trustee of such trust and disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

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