

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC  
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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 \*  
**PFEIFFER GARY M**

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)  
**10/01/2005**

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

**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)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Instr. 8)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock	\$ 0	10/01/2005	A	455.09 <u>(1)</u>						<u>(2)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	455.09

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PFEIFFER GARY M ONE MALCOLM AVENUE TETERBORO, NJ 07608			X	

## Signatures

Sirisha  
Gummaregula 10/04/2005  
 \_\_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).
- (1) The Phantom Stock Units are accrued on a periodic basis under the Quest Diagnostics Incorporated Deferred Compensation Plan and are to be settled in cash based on the then fair market value of the common stock of Quest Diagnostics Incorporated (the "Company") upon the Reporting Person's termination of services as a director of the Company. Reporting Person's current term expires in May 2008. The information was obtained from the plan administrator as of the current date.
- (2) Exercise date is not applicable as this is not a stock option.
- (3) Expiration date is not applicable since this is not a stock option.
- (4) The total of 797.68 reflected in this column includes only the Phantom Stock Units credited on July 1, 2005 and October 1, 2005. Reporting Person has accrued a total of 1,280.94 Phantom Stock Units to date in his Deferred Compensation Account.

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