

Cohen Jon R  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 Cohen Jon R

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)  
 C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS, 3  
 GIRALDA FARMS  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/15/2011

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 SVP and Chief Medical Officer

MADISON, NJ 07940

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (D)  | Price                             |
| Common Stock <sup>(2)</sup>     | 02/15/2011                           |  | A                              |   | 12,259  | A  | \$ 0                              |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 36,726 <sup>(3)</sup> <sup>(4)</sup>  | D  |                                   |

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. 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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 56.82   | 02/15/2011                           |  | A                              | 38,000  | (1) 02/15/2021   | Common Stock  | 38,000                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                               |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                       | Other |
| Cohen Jon R<br>C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS<br>3 GIRALDA FARMS<br>MADISON, NJ 07940 |               |           | SVP and Chief Medical Officer |       |

## Signatures

/s/ William J. O'Shaughnessy, Jr., Attorney in Fact for Jon R. Cohen 02/17/2011

\_\_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 option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on the first annual anniversary of the grant date.
- (2) Represents an award of restricted share units granted on February 15, 2011.
- (3) The amount includes exempt purchases made under the Company's stock purchase plan.
- (4) The amount includes approximately 12 shares acquired via dividend reinvestment during 2010 pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan, sponsored by a broker-dealer, that essentially mirrors a dividend reinvestment plan sponsored by the registrant.

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