

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 *
BUEHLER WILLIAM F

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/10/2012

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

C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED, 3 GIRALDA FARMS

(Street)

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

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

MADISON, NJ 07940

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 or Price		
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	08/10/2012		M		10,000 A \$ 55.4	34,250	D
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	08/10/2012		S		10,000 D \$ 59.236 ⁽²⁾	24,250	D
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	08/10/2012		M		20,000 A \$ 30.455	44,250	D
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	08/10/2012		S		20,000 D \$ 59.3402 ⁽³⁾	24,250	D

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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. 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)	\$ 55.4	08/10/2012		M	10,000	⁽⁴⁾ 05/04/2013	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 30.455	08/10/2012		M	20,000	⁽⁵⁾ 05/13/2013	Common Stock	20,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BUEHLER WILLIAM F C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED 3 GIRALDA FARMS MADISON, NJ 07940	X			

Signatures

/s/ William J. O'Shaughnessy, Jr., Attorney in Fact for William F. Buehler

08/14/2012

__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) Represents an award of restricted stock units.

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(2) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$59.21 to \$59.39. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.

(3) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$59.21 to \$59.54. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.

(4) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning with the first on May 4, 2007, the second on May 4, 2008 and the final on May 4, 2009.

(5) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning with the first on May 13, 2004, the second on May 13, 2005 and the final on May 13, 2006.

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