

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 07/01/2006

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

C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS  
 INCORPORATED, 1290 WALL  
 STREET WEST

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

LYNDHURST, NJ 07071

(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)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock				V	3,334	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. Pr Deri Secu (Inst
Phantom Stock	\$ 0	07/01/2006		A	408.88 (1)	(2)      (3)	Common Stock	408.88

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PFEIFFER GARY M C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED 1290 WALL STREET WEST LYNDHURST, NJ 07071	X			

## Signatures

Leo C. Farrenkopf, Jr., atty-in-fact for Gary M. Pfeiffer  
Date: 07/05/2006

\_\_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).
- (3) Expiration date is not applicable since this is not a stock option.  
The total reflected in this column is inaccurate due to a computer program error. Reporting Person has accrued a total of 2,872.43 Phantom Stock Units to date in his Deferred Compensation Account, including phantom stock units credited during the prior quarter as a result of unreported dividend reinvestment transactions.
- (2) Exercise date is not applicable as this is not a stock option.  
The Phantom Stock units were 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 Company's Common Stock upon the Reporting Person's retirement.
- (1) Reporting Person's current term expires in May 2008 (the next annual meeting of shareholders of the Company). The information was obtained from the plan administrator as of the current date.

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