

BONGIORNO THOMAS F
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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 *
 BONGIORNO THOMAS 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)

 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 08/10/2005

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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)	(A) or (D)	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)
Common Stock	08/10/2005		I	2,608	A	\$ 50.2 2,840 ⁽²⁾	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock	08/11/2005		M	30,000	A	\$ 17.58 31,003 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	08/11/2005		F	784	D	\$ 50.56 30,219	D	
Common Stock	08/11/2005		S	675	D	\$ 50.7 29,544	D	
Common Stock	08/11/2005		S	495	D	\$ 50.45 29,049	D	

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Common Stock	08/11/2005	S	300	D	\$ 50.44	28,749	D	
Common Stock	08/11/2005	S	27,745	D	\$ 50.18	1,004	D	
Common Stock	08/12/2005	P	2,200	A	\$ 50.64 (3)	2,200	I	By IRA

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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 17.58	08/11/2005		M	30,000	06/26/2001 06/26/2010	Common Stock 30,000
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 50.56	08/11/2005		A	784	08/11/2006 06/26/2010	Common Stock 784

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BONGIORNO THOMAS F				Controller

Signatures

Leo C. Farrenkopf, Jr., Atty. in Fact for Thomas F.
Bongiorno

08/12/2005

__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) This amount includes exempt purchases made under the Company's stock purchase plan since the date of the last filing on Form 4.
The information was obtained from the administrator of the Company's tax qualified Profit Sharing (401(k)) plan as of 8/10/2005. The number of shares is based on the account balance of the Company stock fund under the plan (which includes some money market instruments) divided by the market price of the Company's stock as of that date. On June 20, 2005, the Company effected a 2-for-1 stock split of its Common Stock in the form of a 100% stock dividend. All prior holdings, including stock options, have been adjusted to reflect the stock split.
- (3) Includes commissions. The net purchase price exceeded the net sale price on all sale transactions effected on 8/11/2005.

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