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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

Form 11-K

(Mark One)

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15 (d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15 (d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number: 001-12215

A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer named below:

**THE PROFIT SHARING PLAN OF
QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED**

B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office:

**QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED
3 GIRALDA FARMS
MADISON, NJ 07940**

The Profit Sharing Plan of Quest Diagnostics Incorporated

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Participants and Administrator of
The Profit Sharing Plan of Quest Diagnostics Incorporated

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of The Profit Sharing Plan of Quest Diagnostics Incorporated (the Plan) as of December 31, 2010 and 2009, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2010. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Plan is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audit included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan s internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of The Profit Sharing Plan of Quest Diagnostics Incorporated as of December 31, 2010 and 2009 and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2010, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental schedule of assets (held at the end of the year) is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor s Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. This supplemental schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/ Grant Thornton LLP
New York, New York
June 24, 2011

The Profit Sharing Plan of Quest Diagnostics Incorporated
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
December 31, 2010 and 2009
(dollars in thousands)

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Assets		
Investment in Master Trust, at fair value	\$ 2,403,770	\$ 2,183,750
Notes receivable from participants	80,419	74,943
	<u>2,484,189</u>	<u>2,258,693</u>
Net assets available for benefits, reflecting investments at fair value	2,484,189	2,258,693
Adjustment from fair value to contract value for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts	(2,480)	(3,140)
	<u>\$ 2,481,709</u>	<u>\$ 2,255,553</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

The Profit Sharing Plan of Quest Diagnostics Incorporated
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
For the Year Ended December 31, 2010
(dollars in thousands)

Additions to net assets attributed to:	
Net investment income from Master Trust	\$ 196,823
Interest income from notes receivable from participants	4,251
Contributions	
Employer	78,781
Participants	124,473
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Total contributions	203,254
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Total additions	404,328
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Deductions from net assets attributed to:	
Benefits paid to participants	176,787
Administrative expenses	294
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Total deductions	177,081
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Net increase	227,247
Net transfers to other plans	(1,091)
Net assets available for benefits:	
Beginning of year	2,255,553
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End of year	\$ 2,481,709
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

The Profit Sharing Plan of Quest Diagnostics Incorporated

Notes to Financial Statements (dollars in thousands)

1. Description of the Plan

Background The Profit Sharing Plan of Quest Diagnostics Incorporated (the Plan), is a defined contribution plan established by Quest Diagnostics Incorporated (the Company or the Plan Sponsor) to provide its eligible employees with retirement benefits. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA). The following description of the Plan provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Summary Plan Description for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

Effective January 1, 2009, the Company entered into an agreement with Fidelity Management Trust Company (FMTC) to form a master trust (Master Trust) to hold the assets of the Plan and the 401(k) Savings Plan of Quest Diagnostics Incorporated on a commingled basis for investment purposes only. The formation of the Master Trust did not affect the investment options of the participants.

Plan assets of \$813 related to certain current and former employees of Quest Diagnostics Puerto Rico, who were formerly participants in the Plan, were transferred to the Quest Diagnostics Puerto Rico Defined Contribution Plan during December 2010.

Eligibility and Participant Contributions All eligible employees who have completed one month of service, as defined, may participate in the Plan. Participants may contribute an amount between 1% and 35% of their eligible compensation, as defined, for the contribution period. Catch-up contributions, as defined in the Internal Revenue Code, are permissible for eligible participants. Participants may modify their contribution percentage at any time.

Company Matching Contributions The Company matches 100% of a participant's contribution, up to 6% of eligible compensation, in cash after the participant completes 12 months of service, as defined, with the Company. Company contributions are remitted to the Plan at the same time that the corresponding participants' contributions are remitted.

Participant Accounts A separate individual account is established for each participant in the Plan. Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and an allocation of the Company's contributions, plus actual earnings thereon. Earnings are allocated by fund based on the ratio of the participant's account invested in a particular fund to all participants' investments in that fund.

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Notes to Financial Statements (dollars in thousands) continued

Vesting Participants immediately vest in their voluntary contributions and Company contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Certain participants who were active in plans sponsored by previous employers have vesting requirements applied to their previous employer contribution accounts consistent with the vesting requirements in effect before the assets were merged into the Plan.

Investment Options Participants may elect to have their voluntary contributions and Company matching contributions invested in any or all of the available investment funds, most of which are managed by Fidelity Management & Research Company (FMRC). Participants may also elect to have their voluntary contributions and Company matching contributions invested in shares of the Company s common stock. Participants have the ability to modify their investment elections daily, subject to certain short-term trading restrictions imposed by FMRC and the Company s securities trading policy, which prohibits trading in the Company s common stock on a short-term basis and while in possession of material non-public information about the Company.

Effective November 1, 2007, participants cannot contribute greater than 25% per pay period of pre-tax contributions into the Quest Diagnostics Stock Fund. In addition, effective November 1, 2007, participants can transfer monies into the Quest Diagnostics Stock Fund only to the extent the percentage of holdings in the Quest Diagnostics Stock Fund after the transfer remains below 25% of the participant s entire account balance.

Participants may elect to receive their dividends on investments in the Quest Diagnostics Stock Fund as a taxable cash payment or to have those dividends automatically reinvested.

Master Trust As of December 31, 2010 and 2009, the Plan owned 94.5% and 94.8% of the assets in the Master Trust, respectively.

FMTC has been designated as the trustee of the Master Trust and is responsible for the investment, reinvestment, control, and disbursement of the funds and portfolios of the Plan and the 401(k) Savings Plan of Quest Diagnostics Incorporated. Expenses of administering the Plan, including fees and expenses of the Trustee, may be charged to the Plan. Investment fees are charged against the earnings of the funds and portfolios.

Interest and dividends along with the net appreciation in fair value of investments are allocated to the Plan based upon the Plan s participation in the investments that comprise the Master Trust.

Distribution Options Participants can elect to have their benefit distributions, equal to the value of the vested portion of their account balance, paid in the form of a lump sum distribution, a direct rollover into another eligible retirement plan or traditional individual retirement account, installment payments, or for appropriate assets, an annuity.

Withdrawals Withdrawals may be made for qualified emergencies, as defined in the Internal Revenue Code. Depending upon the type of withdrawal and the status of the contribution,

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Notes to Financial Statements (dollars in thousands) continued

penalties upon withdrawal may apply. Participants may also begin to make withdrawals without penalty at age 59 ½.

Forfeitures Employer contributions in forfeited nonvested accounts may be used to reduce future employer contributions or pay the Plan's expenses. In 2010, contributions made by the Company were reduced by forfeitures of \$452.

Notes Receivable from Participants Participants are permitted to obtain loans in amounts not less than \$1 and not greater than the lesser of (1) \$50, subject to certain limitations as defined by the Plan, or (2) 50% of the participant's vested portion of their account value. These loans are secured by one-half of a participant's vested account balance and bear interest at prime plus 1% at the time the loans are issued. Loans are repayable over a period of up to five years, unless the proceeds are used to purchase a primary residence, in which case the loan is repayable over a period of up to ten years. Principal and interest are repaid to the Plan through payroll deductions for active employees. Participants can elect to pay the entire outstanding balance of a loan directly to FMTC. Participants who are no longer active employees may continue to repay outstanding loan balances directly to FMTC.

Parties-in-Interest Certain investments of the Master Trust as of December 31, 2010 and 2009 are shares of mutual funds, a money market fund, and a collective fund managed by FMRC. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. As of December 31, 2010 and 2009, Master Trust investments with a fair value of \$1,994,637 and \$1,736,243 respectively, were managed by FMRC.

The Company also is a party-in-interest to the Plan under the definition provided in Section 3(14) of ERISA. Therefore, Quest Diagnostics Stock Fund transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. As of December 31, 2010 and 2009, the total fair value of the Master Trust's investment in the Quest Diagnostics Stock Fund was \$311,241 and \$373,926, respectively. During 2010, total purchases and sales of Quest Diagnostic stock by the Master Trust were \$25,287 and \$46,471, respectively.

In addition, notes receivable from participants qualify as party-in-interest transactions. As of December 31, 2010 and 2009, the carrying value of the Master Trust's notes receivable from participants was \$83,091 and \$76,971, respectively.

Tax Status The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has determined and informed the Company by letter dated May 17, 2002, that the Plan is designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code. The Plan has subsequently been amended. During January 2008, the Plan applied for a tax determination letter, which is currently pending issuance, from the IRS. The Plan Sponsor believes that the Plan, as amended since the IRS determination, continues to be designed and operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

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Plan Administration The Plan Administrator is the Employee Benefits Committee, which is appointed by the Company's Board of Directors. The Plan's trustee and record keeper are FMTC and Fidelity Investments Institutional Operations Company, Inc., respectively.

Administrative Expenses and Other Fees Accounting fees and certain administrative expenses of the Plan may be paid by the Plan or the Company. Loan origination and certain distribution fees are charged against participant accounts.

Termination The Company intends to continue the Plan indefinitely, but reserves the right to change or discontinue the Plan at its discretion. Participants will become fully vested in their rights under the Plan if it is terminated or if Company contributions are completely discontinued.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation The Plan maintains its financial records on the accrual basis of accounting.

Use of Estimates The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, if any, at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of additions to and deductions from net assets during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Risks and Uncertainties The Plan provides for participant-directed investment of their voluntary contributions and Company matching contributions in a number of investment funds. Certain underlying investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit risk. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in these risks could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits and the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits.

Benefits Benefits are recorded when paid.

Valuation of Investments Investments are stated at fair value at year-end. Shares of mutual funds, a money market fund, a collective fund, and the Quest Diagnostics Stock Fund held by the Master Trust as of December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively, are valued at the net asset value determined by FMRC, which approximates fair value. There are no restrictions as to redemption of these investments and the Plan does not have any contractual obligations to further invest in any of the individual funds as of December 31, 2010.

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The Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued a standard which requires investment contracts held by a defined contribution plan to be reported at fair value. However, contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of the net assets available for benefits attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts (Managed Income Portfolio II Class 3) held by the Master Trust as of December 31, 2010 and 2009. As required by the standard, the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits presents the fair value of the Plan s investments, as well as an adjustment of the fully benefit-responsive investment contracts from fair value to contract value.

As of December 31, 2010 and 2009, adjustments of \$2,480 and \$3,140, respectively, were necessary to decrease the fair value of the Plan s investment in the Master Trust attributable to the Managed Income Portfolio II Class 3 fund (the Portfolio) to contract value. For the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009, the Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits are prepared on a contract value basis, as it pertains to the Portfolio.

Refer to Note 4 for additional information related to the valuation of Master Trust investments.

Notes Receivable from Participants Notes receivable from participants are valued at their unpaid principal balance, plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income from notes receivable from participants is recorded on an accrual basis.

Security Transactions and Income Purchases and sales of securities by the Master Trust are recorded on a trade-date basis. Dividend income is recorded by the Master Trust on the ex-dividend date. Interest income from investments is recorded by the Master Trust as earned on an accrual basis.

Net investment income from Master Trust represents the Plan s share of the dividends, interest and net realized and unrealized gains on investments held by the Master Trust.

Fair Value Measurements Fair value measurements are based upon the exit price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants, and are determined by either the principal market or the most advantageous market.

Inputs used in the valuation techniques to derive fair values are classified based on a three-level hierarchy to prioritize the inputs used in the valuation techniques to derive fair values. The basis for fair value measurements for each level within the hierarchy is described below with Level 1 having the highest priority and Level 3 having the lowest.

Level 1: Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2: Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active; and model-derived valuations in which all significant inputs are observable in active markets.

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Level 3: Valuations derived from valuation techniques in which one or more significant inputs are unobservable.

New Accounting Standards In January 2010, the FASB issued an amendment to the accounting standards related to the disclosures about an entity's use of fair value measurements. The amended standards will require entities to provide enhanced disclosures about transfers into and out of the Level 1 (fair value determined based on quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities) and Level 2 (fair value determined based on significant other observable inputs) classifications, provide separate disclosures about purchases, sales, issuances and settlements relating to the tabular reconciliation of beginning and ending balances of the Level 3 (fair value determined based on significant unobservable inputs) classification and provide greater disaggregation for each class of assets and liabilities that use fair value measurements. Except for the detailed Level 3 roll-forward disclosures, the amendment was effective for the Plan as of January 1, 2010. The adoption of these provisions of the amendment did not have a material effect on the Plan's disclosures. The requirement to provide detailed disclosures about the purchases, sales, issuances and settlements in the roll-forward activity for Level 3 fair value measurements is effective for the Plan as of January 1, 2011. The Plan does not expect the adoption of this provision of the amendment to have a material effect on the Plan's disclosures.

In September 2010, the FASB issued an amendment to the accounting standards related to participant loans. Under this standard, participant loans are classified as notes receivable from participants, which are segregated from plan investments and measured at their principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. This amendment, which was adopted by the Plan as of December 31, 2010, requires retrospective application to all periods presented. Prior year balances and disclosures have been revised to reflect the retrospective application of adopting this amendment. The adoption of this amendment, which did not affect Net Assets Available for Benefits, resulted in a reclassification of participant loans of \$74,943 from Investment in Master Trust, at fair value, to Notes Receivable from Participants in the Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits as of December 31, 2009.

The Profit Sharing Plan of Quest Diagnostics Incorporated**Notes to Financial Statements (dollars in thousands) continued****3. Master Trust**

The following table presents the net assets available for benefits of the Master Trust as of December 31:

	2010	2009
Investments, at fair value:		
Mutual funds	\$ 1,945,455	\$ 1,644,163
Quest Diagnostics Stock Fund	311,241	373,926
Collective fund	273,811	277,761
Money market fund	16,423	9,547
Total investments at fair value	2,546,930	2,305,397
Adjustment to contract value	(2,703)	(3,447)
Total investments	2,544,227	2,301,950
Notes receivable from participants	83,091	76,971
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 2,627,318	\$ 2,378,921

The following table presents the net investment income of the Master Trust for the year ended December 31, 2010:

	Interest and Dividends	Realized and Unrealized Gains (Losses)	Net Investment Income (Loss)
Investments:			
Mutual funds	\$ 37,590	\$ 202,820	\$ 240,410
Quest Diagnostics Stock Fund	2,345	(39,470)	(37,125)
Collective fund	4,920	3,447	8,367
Money market fund	1		1
Notes receivable from participants	44,856	166,797	211,653
	4,370		4,370
	\$ 49,226	\$ 166,797	\$ 216,023

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Notes to Financial Statements (dollars in thousands) continued

4. Fair Value Measurements

The following tables provide a summary of the assets in the Master Trust that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

		Basis of Fair Value Measurements		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets / Liabilities	Significant Other Observable Inputs	Significant Unobservable Inputs
December 31, 2010	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Mutual funds:				
Blended fund investments	\$ 987,924	\$ 987,924	\$	\$
Equity fund investments	843,244	843,244		
Managed income fund investments	114,287	114,287		
Total mutual funds	1,945,455	1,945,455		
Quest Diagnostics Stock Fund	311,241	311,241		
Collective fund	273,811		273,811	
Money market fund	16,423		16,423	
Total investments	\$ 2,546,930	\$ 2,256,696	\$ 290,234	\$
December 31, 2009	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Mutual funds:				
Blended fund investments	\$ 804,757	\$ 804,757	\$	\$
Equity fund investments	735,576	735,576		
Managed income fund investments	103,830	103,830		
Total mutual funds	1,644,163	1,644,163		
Quest Diagnostics Stock Fund	373,926	373,926		
Collective fund	277,761		277,761	
Money market fund	9,547		9,547	
Total investments	\$ 2,305,397	\$ 2,018,089	\$ 287,308	\$



Mutual funds and the Quest Diagnostics Stock Fund are classified within Level 1 because the fair values of those funds are derived from observable inputs that reflect quoted prices in active markets.



The Profit Sharing Plan of Quest Diagnostics Incorporated**Notes to Financial Statements (dollars in thousands) continued**

The Portfolio is a collective fund that invests in short-term bonds, fixed income securities, bond funds and derivative instruments. The Portfolio also invests in third party wrap contracts designed to permit the use of book value accounting to maintain a constant net asset value of \$1.00 per unit, although there is no guarantee that the Portfolio will be able to maintain that value. The Portfolio also utilizes the wrap contracts to provide for the payment of participant-directed withdrawals and exchanges at book value under most circumstances. Interest income is credited to the Portfolio under the wrap contracts; investment gains and losses are not recognized immediately but rather recognized over time by adjusting the interest rate credited to the Portfolio. The crediting interest rate was 1.82% and 1.53% at December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively. The average yield rate was 2.25% and 2.74% for 2010 and 2009, respectively. The Portfolio may also purchase investment contracts offered by insurance companies and other approved financial institutions that provide for the payment of a specified rate of interest to the Portfolio and the repayment of interest at maturity. The collective fund and the money market fund have been classified within Level 2 because the fair values of those funds are primarily derived from inputs other than quoted prices that are observable.

5. Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of the Plan's net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to the Form 5500 as of December 31:

	2010	2009
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 2,481,709	\$ 2,255,553
Add: adjustment to fair value from contract value for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts	2,480	3,140
Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 2,484,189</u>	<u>\$ 2,258,693</u>

The following is a reconciliation of the Plan's net investment income per the financial statements to the Form 5500 for the year ended December 31, 2010:

Net investment income from Master Trust per the financial statements	\$ 196,823
Add: current year adjustment to fair value from contract value for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts	2,480
Less: prior year adjustment to fair value from contract value for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts	(3,140)
Investment income per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 196,163</u>

The Profit Sharing Plan of Quest Diagnostics Incorporated
EIN: #16-1387862 Plan: #333

Schedule H, line 4(i) Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
 December 31, 2010
 (dollars in thousands)

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	(c) Description	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
*	Notes receivable from participants	**		\$ 80,419

* Party-in-interest to the Plan.

** Rates range from 3.25% to 10.50%; maturities vary by participant.

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Signature

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Plan Sponsor of the Profit Sharing Plan of Quest Diagnostics Incorporated has duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

June 24, 2011

The Profit Sharing Plan of Quest Diagnostics Incorporated

By: /s/ Robert A. Hagemann

Robert A. Hagemann
Member of the Quest Diagnostics Incorporated
Employee Benefits Committee, Plan Administrator