



Unity Health and Quest Diagnostics Form Alliance in Laboratory Services

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ST. LOUIS – November 3, 1998 Unity Health and Quest Diagnostics Incorporated (NYSE: DGX) announced today that they have formed a joint venture to provide high quality, high value diagnostic testing, information and services in the St. Louis market.

"This innovative alliance is intended to enhance the quality of testing and service to customers, provide greater access to laboratory services for patients in the metropolitan area, and better utilize laboratory capacity throughout the region," said Kenneth W. Freeman, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Quest Diagnostics.

Under the terms of the agreement, rapid response testing will be conducted at each of the Unity Health hospitals and a Joint Venture core lab will perform non-time sensitive services. Operational management of the Joint Venture lab will be led by a three member team, consisting of representatives from both organizations. Additionally, a newly appointed director will coordinate the labs and ensure quality, efficient and reliable services to physicians, patients and other customers.

"Creating a central laboratory structure with outreach capabilities provides us the flexibility we need to give our customers even better access to diagnostic testing, information and services," said Jim Hobbs, Unity Health's Chief Operating Officer.

Unity Health encompasses the resources and professional talents of more than 13,000 employees and 2,000 physicians at Alexian Brothers Hospital; St. Anthony's Medical Center; St. John's Mercy Medical Center; St. John's Mercy Hospital in Washington, Mo.; St. Luke's Hospital; St. Clement Health Services in Red Bud, Ill.; the Unity Physician

Hospital Organization; Unity Medical Group; a managed care contracting division; and an ancillary services division is a Unity Health member of the Sisters of Mercy Health System—St. Louis.

Quest Diagnostics Incorporated, based in Teterboro, N.J., is one of the nation's leading providers of diagnostic testing, information and services to physicians, hospitals, managed care organizations, employers and governmental agencies. The wide variety of tests performed on human tissue and fluids help doctors and hospitals diagnose, treat and monitor disease. Its Nichols Institute unit conducts research, specializes in esoteric testing using genetic screening and other advanced technologies, performs clinical studies testing, and manufactures and distributes diagnostic test kits and instruments. Quest Informatics collects and analyzes laboratory, pharmaceutical and other data to help large health care customers identify and monitor patients who are at-risk for certain diseases. Additional company information can be found on the Internet at www.questdiagnostics.com.