



## **Quest Diagnostics to Speak at the Thomas Weisel Partners Healthcare Conference 2006**

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LYNDHURST, N.J., Sept. 6 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Quest Diagnostics Incorporated (NYSE: DGX), the nation's leading provider of diagnostic testing, information and services, announced that it is scheduled to speak at the Thomas Weisel Partners Healthcare Conference on Thursday, September 7, 2006, at the Four Seasons Boston in Boston, Massachusetts. The Quest Diagnostics presentation is scheduled to begin at 2:05 p.m. Eastern Time.

During the conference, the company will reiterate its 2006 guidance. Excluding the performance of NID, its test kit manufacturing subsidiary, whose operations are being discontinued, the company expects revenue growth of approximately 15%, operating income to approximate 17.5% of revenues, and earnings per diluted share between \$2.95 and \$3.05.

The presentation will be webcast live during the conference and will be available to registered investors on the following site: <http://www.veracast.com/webcasts/twp/healthcare06/82210105.cfm> and to the public on <http://www.questdiagnostics.com>. In addition, the archived webcast will be available one hour after the live presentation and will remain available until October 7, 2006.

Quest Diagnostics is the leading provider of diagnostic testing, information and services that patients and doctors need to make better healthcare decisions. The company offers the broadest access to diagnostic testing services through its national network of laboratories and patient service centers, and provides interpretive consultation through its extensive medical and scientific staff. Quest Diagnostics is a pioneer in developing innovative new diagnostic tests and advanced healthcare information technology solutions that help improve patient care. Additional company information is available at: [www.questdiagnostics.com](http://www.questdiagnostics.com).

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