



Quest Diagnostics to Speak at the Bank of America and Merrill Lynch 2009 Healthcare Conference

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MADISON, N.J., May 7 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Quest Diagnostics Incorporated (NYSE: DGX), the world's leading provider of diagnostic testing, information and services, announced that it is scheduled to speak at the Bank of America and Merrill Lynch 2009 Healthcare Conference in New York City on Tuesday, May 12, 2009. The Quest Diagnostics presentation is scheduled to begin at 1:20 p.m. Eastern Time.

During the conference, the company will reaffirm its 2009 guidance for revenue growth of approximately 3%, operating income to approximate 18% of revenues, and earnings per diluted share from continuing operations of between \$3.65 and \$3.75.

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/bas/healthcare09/id54109411.cfm> and to the public on www.QuestDiagnostics.com/investor. In addition, the archived webcast will be available one hour after the conclusion of the live event and will remain available until May 29, 2009.

Quest Diagnostics is the world's 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 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 diagnostic tests and advanced healthcare information technology solutions that help improve patient care. Additional company information is available at www.QuestDiagnostics.com.

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