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Laura Vitale is the Director of Operations for MediBeacon, Inc. in St. Louis. The mission of MediBeacon is to commercialize biocompatible optical diagnostic agents for physiological monitoring, surgical guidance, and imaging of pathological disease. Laura leads development of the most evolved program, a kidney monitoring device used for monitoring GFR.

With more than 25 years of experience in the pharmaceutical and medical device industries, Laura has developed her knowledge-base through a diverse set of roles including Quality Control Sr. Manager, Logistics Manager, Marketing Leader, and R&D Product Development Project Director. She spent the majority of her career with Mallinckrodt, Inc. in St. Louis.

Laura earned a B.S. in Chemistry from Eastern Illinois University, M.S. in Engineering & Policy from Washington University, and Ph.D. in Business Administration with specialization in Project Management from Northcentral University. Her dissertation was entitled “Project Structure and Success in Pharmaceutical Project Management: A Qualitative Multiple Case Study.”