FELLOWSHIP OF ADVANCED LAPAROSCOPIC SURGERY

FALS Hernia 2026

A comprehensive **3-day Hernia Masterclass** in robotic & laparoscopic hernia repair



DATES
03 – 05 December 2026

VENUE
Max Super Speciality Hospital
Auditorium, West Block, B-1, Saket, New Delhi

3-Day
Comprehensive Hernia Masterclass

Robotic
& Laparoscopic Hernia Repairs

Live
Surgeries

In-depth
Teaching

Panels
Interactive Panels & Discussions

ORGANIZING TEAM


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WELCOME MESSAGE

From the President, *IAGES*

Dear Delegates,

It gives me immense pleasure to encourage all IAGES members to enrol in the Fellowship of Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery (FALS) – Hernia Course, being conducted in Delhi under the able leadership of Dr Pradeep Chowbey, Dr Manish Baijal with their team at Max Healthcare, Saket, New Delhi.

Dr Pradeep Chowbey, Dr Manish Baijal & their team are pioneers in hernia surgery, with over three and a half decades of experience and an outstanding contribution to advancing hernia care in India. Under their leadership, I am confident that this will be one of the finest hernia training programmes in the country, offering an excellent opportunity to enhance surgical knowledge, refine technical skills, and embrace best practices in hernia surgery.

I strongly encourage all IAGES members, especially young surgeons, to register and benefit from this valuable academic initiative. With the course taking place in Delhi close to our Annual Conference, delegates can also look forward to their fellowship convocation during the conference from 12–14 February.

> *Register, learn from the masters, and take your hernia surgery skills to the next level!*

Warm Regards,



Prof. Dr K Govindaraj
President, IAGES

WELCOME MESSAGE

From the *Organizing Team*

Dear Colleagues,

It gives us immense pleasure to invite you to register for the **FALS Hernia Course 2026**, scheduled to be held from **03rd to 05th December 2026** at Max Super Speciality Hospital, Saket, New Delhi.

Hernia has challenged surgeons since mankind first stood upright. Today, with a deeper understanding of its pathophysiology and remarkable advances in surgical techniques, we are better equipped than ever to manage this condition effectively. The advent of Minimal Access Surgery has revolutionised hernia management, enabling greater precision, reduced morbidity, and faster patient recovery.

As the field continues to evolve, the need for structured training, hands-on experience, and continuous refinement of surgical skills has become increasingly important. In keeping with its commitment to academic excellence, **IAGES** brings you a comprehensive, hands-on educational programme designed to go beyond conventional learning. The course will feature:

01

Expert-led, high-yield lectures

covering essential concepts and contemporary advances.

02

Live operative demonstrations

by leading surgeons.

03

Interactive discussions & case-based learning

to enhance clinical decision-making and practical understanding.

Whether you are embarking on your journey in hernia surgery or seeking to strengthen your foundational skills, **FALS Hernia Course 2026** promises to be an enriching, insightful, and practice-enhancing experience.

We warmly invite you to join us in New Delhi for three days of learning, knowledge sharing, collaboration, and camaraderie as we work together towards excellence in hernia surgery.

We look forward to welcoming you!



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HOW TO APPLY

FALS Hernia *Guidelines*

Eligibility Criteria for Fellowship

- **IAGES MEMBERSHIP IS A MUST** in order to apply for this course and obtain the fellowship certificate. No exceptions will be made.
- Those who are not members may apply for membership online. Please refer to the website **hernia.iages.in** for more details.
- Post graduate degree in surgery is mandatory.
- Members of collaborating associations who have signed an MOU with IAGES are also eligible. They are expected to get their application endorsed by the respective collaborating association prior to joining the course.
- Candidates will be expected to register for the IAGES 2027 Congress, to be held in Delhi in February 2027, in order to receive their Fellowship certificate in a convocation ceremony.

A candidate can apply in any ONE of the following categories: Exam Fellowship / Non-Exam Fellowship

CATEGORY

Non-Examination

10+ years in Hernia | 100+ lap. surgeries

Surgeons who have been doing laparoscopic surgery in the chosen field (Hernia) for 10 or more years are eligible. Candidates should have performed more than 100 laparoscopic surgeries in the chosen subspecialty (Hernia).

All candidates will be interviewed by the IAGES FALS board for final assessment before being awarded a fellowship certificate.

CATEGORY

Examination

Min. 2 years | 25+ lap. procedures

All surgeons with a minimum of 2 years experience in the chosen specialty of laparoscopic surgery (Hernia). The applicant should have performed over 25 laparoscopic procedures in Hernia, either jointly or independently.

All candidates will appear for MCQ assessment and Viva by the IAGES FALS board before being awarded a fellowship certificate.

LOGBOOK · EXAMINATION CATEGORY ONLY

A self-attested logbook with at least 25 cases has to be submitted with the following details:

Age | Sex | Surgery | Role Assisted / Under supervision / Independent | Post-op course | Complication | Remarks

Candidates must carry their Logbook for FALS Hernia 2026 with them for the event.

ASSESSMENT

FALS Hernia *Examination*

Assessment of FALS Hernia fellowship candidates will be conducted by **IAGES Central Office / FALS Board**.

Suggested reading: Any textbooks / journals pertaining to Basic & Advanced Laparoscopic & Robotic Hernia Surgery.

03 & 04 DECEMBER 2026

Didactic Lectures & Interactive Sessions

04 DECEMBER 2026 · EXAMINATION CATEGORY

Viva

05 DECEMBER 2026 · EXAMINATION CATEGORY

MCQ Exam

100	60	100
MCQS	MINUTES	MAX. MARKS

Single-best-response questions, conducted via an online link. The candidate has to be present at the venue in person.

05 DECEMBER 2026 · NON-EXAMINATION CATEGORY

Viva

VIVA · EXAM + NON-EXAM CATEGORY

~10	50
MIN. / CANDIDATE	MAX. MARKS

Interview / assessment of each candidate. Candidates will be divided into batches and interviewed by senior faculty members of IAGES depending upon the number of candidates.

RESULTS & CONVOCATION

The outcome of the written assessment and viva will be prepared by the organizing team and sent to the President, with a copy to the Hon. Secretary Office and FALS Board. Results will be published on the IAGES website.

Successful candidates will be expected to attend IAGES 2027, to be held in Delhi in February 2027, in order to receive the Fellowship certificate in a convocation ceremony.

The Fellowship certificate can be posted to the candidate, on request, if he/she fails to attend two consecutive annual congresses/convocations.

PROGRAMME · TENTATIVE

Course *Outline*

Day 1

03 DEC 2026

Inguinal Hernia, Diaphragmatic Hernia

01 History & evolution of MIS hernia surgery

02 Endoscopic anatomy of inguinal region

03 Mesh, fixators, sutures & sealants for hernia repair

04 Laparoscopic inguinal hernia repair

05 Robotic hernia surgery

06 TAPP / TEP / eTEP for groin hernia

07 Difficult groin hernias – giant, recurrent, incarcerated

08 Complications of MIS inguinal hernia surgery

09 Chronic groin pain

10 Recurrence after MIS inguinal hernia

11 Laparoscopic management of diaphragmatic hernias

12 Laparoscopic management of hiatal hernia

13 Laparoscopy in emergency hernia surgery

14 **Panel Discussions**

Day 2

04 DEC 2026

Ventral & Incisional Hernia

01 Surgical anatomy of abdominal wall

02 Abdominal incision closure and preventing hernias

03 Imaging in hernias

04 Pneumoperitoneum & Botox

05 IPOM & IPOM Plus

06 e-TEP-RS

07 TARM

08 Anterior Component Separation

09 Posterior Component Separation

10 Atypical hernias

11 Ventral hernia algorithm

12 Complications of MIS ventral hernia repair

13 Complex hernias – Complex solutions

14 Hernia repair in the morbidly obese

15 **Panel Discussions**

16 **MCQ + Viva**

Day 3

05 DEC 2026

Live Surgical Workshop

Viva

FEES & INCLUSIONS

Registration *Details*

EXAM + NON-EXAM CATEGORY

EARLY BIRD

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till November 15, 2026

₹20,000 + 18% GST

STANDARD

November 16, 2026 onwards, including spot registration

₹25,000 + 18% GST

Includes: Registration, access to lectures + live surgeries, Breakfast + Lunch on all 3 days, FALS Hernia Fellowship certificate (if the candidate clears the exam – will be awarded at IAGES 2027 in Delhi).

CME CATEGORY

CME

All dates

₹8,000 + 18% GST

Includes: Registration, access to lectures + live surgeries, Breakfast + Lunch on all 3 days, CME certificate.

CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT

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SCAN TO PAY

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Take your hernia surgery to the next level.



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SCAN TO REGISTER

Register early.

Early bird rates close on 15 November 2026. IAGES membership is mandatory for the fellowship. Exam-category candidates must carry their logbook to the event.

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