

FALS HERNIA 2026

30-31 July & 1st August @ Delta Hospital

 RAJAHMUNDRY



IAGES PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Esteemed Colleagues and Members of the Surgical Fraternity,

It gives me great pleasure, as President of IAGES, to welcome you to FALS Hernia 2026, to be held from 30th July to 01st August 2026 at Delta Hospitals, Rajahmundry. Hernia surgery continues to evolve with advancements in minimally invasive techniques, enhanced surgical technology, and refined approaches that demand both precision and continuous learning.

This focused program has been thoughtfully designed to provide comprehensive training in advanced hernia surgery, incorporating evidence-based updates, live surgical discussions, and valuable interaction with experienced national faculty. I congratulate the organizing committee for putting together an excellent academic program aimed at enhancing the knowledge and technical skills of participating surgeons.

I am confident that FALS Hernia 2026 will serve as an enriching academic platform and will significantly contribute to improving surgical outcomes and patient care.

I wish the workshop great success and all participants a highly rewarding academic experience.

Warm regards
DR. K. GOVINDARAJ
President – IAGES



IAGES SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome you all to FALS Hernia 2026, an important and evolving domain in modern minimal access surgery. Hernia surgery has undergone significant transformation in recent years with the advent of advanced laparoscopic and robotic techniques, improved mesh technologies, and enhanced anatomical understanding.

These developments have greatly contributed to reducing postoperative pain, minimizing complications, and enabling faster recovery for patients. A better understanding of abdominal wall anatomy, combined with evolving surgical technology, has allowed surgeons to adopt safer, more precise, and minimally invasive approaches for the management of various hernia conditions.

The FALS Hernia program has been designed to provide focused academic learning, practical insights, and meaningful interaction with experienced faculty. It aims to equip surgeons with the latest knowledge and skills required to deliver optimal care to patients.

I warmly welcome you all to the IAGES family, one of the largest associations dedicated to minimal access surgery in the world, and encourage you to make the most of the many academic and professional opportunities the association offers.

Best Wishes,
DR. ASHWIN THANGAVELU
Honorary Secretary, IAGES



FROM THE DESK OF COURSE CONVENOR, FALS HERNIA BOARD CONVENORS

Dear Friends Greetings!

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome you to this comprehensive FALS Hernia 2026 Course.

Hernia surgery is a dynamic and continuously evolving field that requires not only a thorough understanding of abdominal wall anatomy but also technical precision, sound clinical judgment, and thoughtful patient-centered care. Hernias are among the most common conditions encountered in surgical practice, and modern management demands familiarity with both conventional and advanced minimally invasive techniques.

This course has been thoughtfully designed to bridge the gap between foundational principles and contemporary hernia surgery practice. Our objective is to provide participants with

- A clear understanding of abdominal wall anatomy and hernia pathophysiology.
- Evidence-based approaches to common and complex hernia conditions.
- Step-wise demonstration of open, laparoscopic, and modern hernia repair techniques.
- Practical tips, tricks, and troubleshooting strategies in hernia surgery.
- Insight into complication prevention and safe surgical principles.

Through interactive discussions, case-based learning, operative videos, and expert faculty sessions, we aim to create a learning environment that is academically rigorous yet practically relevant.

Modern hernia surgery has expanded significantly with the advent of advanced mesh technologies, laparoscopic and robotic approaches, component separation techniques, and enhanced recovery strategies. As surgeons, it is our responsibility to adopt these innovations thoughtfully—balancing technological progress with patient safety, durability of repair, and long-term outcomes.

I encourage each participant to engage actively, question deeply, and share experiences openly. The true strength of such a course lies not only in the faculty but also in the collective wisdom and enthusiasm of its delegates.

Let us work together to advance safe, ethical, and evidence-based hernia surgery. I look forward to an enriching academic exchange. Warm regards,

Dr. Manish Bajjal
Convenor



Dr. Tarun Mittal
Convenor



ORGANISING COMMITTEE MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues,

With pride and privilege, we are glad to inform you that FALS Hernia 2026 of IAGES will be held from 30th July to 01st August 2026 at Delta Hospitals, Rajahmundry.

Hernia being one of the most commonly performed surgeries has been under constant evolution for centuries. Minimal Access Surgery has made a paradigm shift with newer and complex techniques. IAGES is aware of this enormous and constant evolution and has been in forefront to organize various courses and fellowships in the area.

This impactful course will be a balanced mix of didactic lectures, video presentations, panel discussions, Hernia Quiz, and a live workshop.

This lifetime academic fellowship commitment will highlight basic techniques of laparoscopic hernia, various safety procedures & guidelines, solutions to difficult situations in hernia surgery from renowned national and international faculties by sharing their knowledge and expertise and we are honored to invite you all to be a part of this renowned occasion.

Looking forward

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Chairman
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Dr Nitin Rimmalapudi
Executive Director
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SCIENTIFIC HIGHLIGHTS

DAY 1: GROIN HERNIA

1. History & Evolution of Laparoscopic Hernia Surgery
2. Endoscopic Anatomy of Inguinal Region
3. Mesh/Fixators/Sutures & Sealants for Hernia Repair
4. Laparoscopic Inguinal Hernia Repair
What does the evidence say?
5. Role of Robotics in Hernia Surgery
6. Difficult Groin Hernias- Giant, Recurrent, Incarcerated
7. Tissue repairs in Groin Hernia
8. PANEL DISCUSSION - Complications of Lap Inguinal Hernia Surgery (Except Recurrence)
9. Chronic Pain: Is it A Myth or Reality?
How to Tackle?
10. Recurrence After Lap Inguinal Hernia
Factors & Solutions
11. Laparoscopic Management of diaphragmatic
12. Femoral and Obturator Hernias.
13. Laparoscopy in Emergency Surgery
14. TAPP- Elucidating the techniques & Key to Success
15. TEP- Elucidating the techniques & Key to Success
16. eTEP for Groin Hernia
17. Master Video Session.

SCIENTIFIC HIGHLIGHTS

DAY 3- LIVE OPERATIVE WORKSHOP

1. TEP
2. TAPP - Inguinal
3. IPOM/IPOM+
4. E-TEP - Inguinal / RS
5. SCOLA
6. TARM
7. FUNDOPLICATION

SCIENTIFIC HIGHLIGHTS

DAY 2- VENTRAL HERNIA

1. Surgical Anatomy of Abdominal wall
2. Abdominal Incision Closure and preventing hernias
3. Well prepared is half done
Imaging in Hernias
4. Pneumoperitoneum, Botox
5. PANEL DISCUSSION - Complications of Laparoscopic Ventral Hernia Repair
6. e-TEP- RS + TAR
7. TARM
8. SCOM, SCOLA, eMILOS
9. TAPP in Ventral hernia
10. Suprapubic, Epigastric & Sub Coastal Hernia Repairs Problems & solutions
11. Parastomal Hernia Repair
Tips & Tricks
12. Laparoscopic Management of Hiatal Hernia
13. Ventral Hernia Algorithm - Which Procedures the best in this Patient?
14. PANEL DISCUSSION - Complex Hernias Complex Solutions?
15. Lap. Ventral Hernia Repair (IPOM, IPOM Plus)
16. Anterior Component Separation Open & Laparoscopic
17. Robotics in Ventral Hernia.

FALS HERNIA GUIDELINES (Fellowship Of Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery)

ABOUT FALS FELLOWSHIP COURSE

This Course Is To Train Senior Or Advanced Laparoscopic Surgeons And To Keep The Members Abreast With Recent Advancements In Advanced Laparoscopic Procedures. Fals Courses Are Organized In Various Sub- Specialties Such As Hernia, Bariatric Surgery, Upper Gastrointestinal Surgery, Colorectal Surgery And Oncology, Hpb And Robotic Surgery.

A.FELLOWSHIP CATEGORY

Eligibility Criteria:

Iages Membership Is Must.
Those Who Are Not Members May Apply For Membership Online. See The Website [Www.iages.in](http://www.iages.in) For More Details

Members of collaborating associations who have signed MOU with IAGES are also eligible. They are expected to get their application endorsed by the respective collaborating association prior to joining the course.

1. Non-Examination Category

Surgeons Who Have Been Doing Laparoscopic Surgery In The Chosen Field For 10 Or More Years Are Eligible For Non-Examination Category.

Candidates Should Have Performed More Than 100 Laparoscopic Surgeries In The Chosen Subspecialty And Need To Submit A Logbook To Substantiate The Claim.

All The Candidates Will Be Interviewed By The Iages Board For Final Assessment Before The Award Of Fellowship

2. Examination Category

All Surgeons With A Minimum Of 3 Years Post Ms / Dnb Surgery Is A Must In The Chosen Speciality Of Laparoscopic Surgery.

The Applicant Should Have Performed Over 25 Laparoscopic Procedures In The Chosen Speciality Either Jointly Or Independently.

All The Candidates Would Appear For Mcq Assessment And Viva By The Iages Fals Board For Final Assessment During The Forthcoming Annual Conference Before Awarding The Fellowship.

3. Non-Fellowship Category

Fals Course Is Also Open To Non-Members And All Surgical Postgraduates And Interested Surgeons Across The Globe, Under The Non-Fellowship Category Wherein They Are Eligible To Take This Course And Receive The Certificate Of Completion Of Fals Course.

They Could Register And Participate In The Annual National Conference As Postgraduates Or Non-Member Category

FALS HERNIA GUIDELINES

(Fellowship of Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery)

LOGBOOK

Age/Sex/Surgery/Role/Post-opcourse/
Complication/Remarks

Role - Assisted/under supervision/Independent (as drop down)

Post-op course - Uneventful/ Eventful
(as drop down)

Complications - Infection, Bleeding, Leak,
Stricture, Obstruction, Others (type if others)
as drop down

Remarks - Type the outcome of the event, If
patient has been conservatively managed,
Recovered, Diseased, Transferred, etc

ASSESSMENT OF FALS FELLOWSHIP CANDIDATES/EXAM CATEGORY WILL BE CONDUCTED BY IAGES CENTRAL OFFICE

The candidate is expected to know all
important facts in Chosen subspecialty in
laparoscopic surgery.

Online Exam Timings: 60 minutes

Maximum number of marks: 100

The Online Exam should have 100 MCQ
questions (single best response type).

Practical Examination:

Interview/assessment for approximately 10 minutes on each candidate. The candidates are divided in batches and are interviewed by the two or more senior most faculty members of IAGES depending upon the number of candidates. Maximum of 50 marks are allotted for the interview.

Outcome of written and practical assessment will be prepared by the organizing team and to be signed and to be sent to the President with Hon Secretary Office and FALS board and results will be published in the IAGES website.

Successful candidates would be expected to attend the subsequent annual conference and convocation to receive the fellowship certificate. The Fellowship certificate would be posted to the candidate if he/she fails to attend two consecutive annual congress/convocation.



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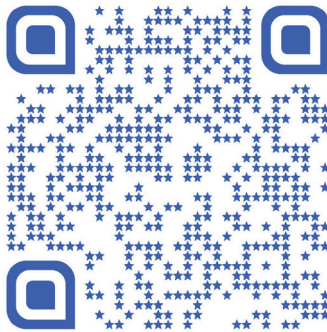
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REGISTRATION FEE:

Upto 30th June 2026 ₹**25000** (Inclusive of GST)

01st to 29th July 2026 ₹**27000** (Inclusive of GST)

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