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HPB 2026

FELLOWSHIP OF ADVANCED LAPAROSCOPIC SURGERY
— HEPATO-PANCREATO-BILIARY SURGERY —

Apollo Hospitals, Financial District
10th Floor Conference Hall

13th - 15th
November 2026

Hands on Ultrasound
Screening for Surgeons

Hands on Experience
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Exposure to Advanced Endoscopic Interventions

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Message From The IAGES Committee

Dear Colleagues,

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome you to the IAGES FALS Hepato-Biliary Course at Hyderabad. This workshop brings together distinguished faculty and enthusiastic surgeons to share contemporary advances, innovative techniques, and evidence-based practices in hepatobiliary surgery. Through expert lectures, live demonstrations, and interactive discussions, participants will gain valuable insights to enhance clinical excellence and patient outcomes. I congratulate the organizing committee for their dedicated efforts and wish all delegates a productive, enriching, and memorable academic experience.

With best wishes,

Dr. K. Govindaraj

President, IAGES



Dear friends it gives me immense pleasure to welcome you all to the FALS HPB course organised by Dr Bharat Nara between November 13th - 15th, 2026 at Apollo, Hyderabad.

There have been lot of development in the field of MAS in HPB with Robotics becoming more accessible and enabling surgeons to perform complex tasks with more control and precision. The topics of this course have been curated in a meticulous fashion to give an overview of the various developments in the field, with practical insights and technical tips from experts.

In addition to the robust program , the organising team are working hard to extend a warm hospitality to everyone. Looking forward to meeting you all in person

With best wishes,

Dr. Ashwin Thangavelu

Honorary Secretary, IAGES



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Advancing Excellence In Laparoscopic & Robotic HPB Surgery

Three days of advanced academic learning featuring distinguished faculty, master video sessions, case-based discussions, technical pearls, fellowship assessment & interactive scientific exchange.

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Message From The Organising Team

Dear Colleagues,

It gives us immense pleasure to invite you to the FALS HPB 2026 Course, being conducted from 13th to 15th November 2026 at Apollo Hospitals, Financial District, Hyderabad.

FALS HPB has evolved into one of the premier educational programmes in advanced minimally invasive Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary surgery, equipping surgeons with the knowledge, technical skills & clinical judgment required to perform complex HPB procedures safely and effectively.

As laparoscopic and robotic surgery continue to redefine the standards of HPB care, this course has been designed to help surgeons stay at the forefront of these advances.

The programme offers a comprehensive curriculum covering the principles & practice of advanced laparoscopic & robotic HPB Surgery, featuring:

- *Expert faculty lectures*
- *Master operative videos*
- *Interactive case discussions*
- *Technical tips & tricks*
- *Evidence-based management strategies*
- *Fellowship assessment*

Participants will gain valuable insights into contemporary approaches to liver, pancreatic & biliary surgery while learning evidence-based techniques that improve patient outcomes.

Whether you are aspiring to obtain the Fellowship of Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery or wish to enhance your expertise in minimally invasive HPB Surgery, FALS HPB 2026 promises to be an enriching academic experience.

We look forward to welcoming you to Hyderabad for three days of scientific excellence, meaningful discussions with distinguished faculty, professional networking & the opportunity to be part of one of India's leading educational programmes in laparoscopic & robotic HPB Surgery.

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About FALS HPB

The Fellowship of Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery (FALS) is an academic initiative of the Indian Association of Gastrointestinal Endo Surgeons (IAGES), designed to train surgeons in advanced laparoscopic techniques across various subspecialties.

The FALS HPB programme focuses on advanced laparoscopic & robotic Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary surgery & aims to provide structured education in:

- *Liver surgery*
- *Pancreatic surgery*
- *Biliary surgery*
- *Advanced minimally invasive techniques*
- *Robotic HPB procedures*
- *Perioperative decision making*
- *Management of complex HPB diseases*

The programme combines didactic teaching, operative videos, case-based discussions & fellowship assessment, ensuring participants acquire both theoretical knowledge and practical insights.

Course Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- *Understand advanced HPB anatomy*
- *Select appropriate patients for minimally invasive HPB Surgery*
- *Learn operative planning & execution*
- *Understand laparoscopic liver resections*
- *Understand robotic HPB Surgery*
- *Learn minimally invasive pancreatic surgery*
- *Manage biliary disorders laparoscopically | Robotically*
- *Prevent & manage complications*
- *Apply evidence-based surgical decision making*

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Course Highlights

- 📖 *National Faculty*
- 📖 *Expert Lectures*
- 📖 *Master Video Demonstrations*
- 📖 *Interactive Case Discussions*
- 📖 *Technical Tips & Tricks*
- 📖 *Panel Discussions*
- 📖 *Fellowship Assessment*
- 📖 *Networking Opportunities*

Eligibility Criteria

- IAGES membership is mandatory for Fellowship applicants.
- Those who are not members may apply for membership online. See the website 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

Fellowship Categories

A. FELLOWSHIP (EXAMINATION CATEGORY)

Eligibility:

IAGES Membership is mandatory

Minimum **3 years** of experience in laparoscopic surgery

Minimum **25 HPB** laparoscopic procedures performed (independently or jointly)

Submission of **logbook**

Written **MCQ** examination

Viva assessment

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B. FELLOWSHIP (NON-EXAMINATION CATEGORY)

Eligibility:

IAGES Membership is mandatory

Minimum **10 years** of HPB laparoscopic practice

More than **100 laparoscopic** HPB procedures

Submission of **logbook**

Interview by the IAGES FALS Board

C. NON-FELLOWSHIP CATEGORY

Open to:

Non-IAGES members

Surgical postgraduates

International delegates

Interested surgeons

Participants receive a **Certificate of Course Completion.**

CME Points will be Credited

Logbook

- Age/Sex/Surgery/Role/Post-op course/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
- Submission of Logbook is Mandatory

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Fellowship Assessment

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

Assessment includes:

MCQ EXAMINATION

100

Questions

60

Minutes

Single Best

Response

- ◆ Viva Examination
- ◆ Faculty viva assessment

PRACTICAL EVALUATION

- ◆ Case discussion and operative judgement (10 minutes on each candidate)
The candidates are divided into 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 & practical assessment will be prepared by the organizing team and to be signed & submitted to the President with a copy to Hon Secretary Office & FALS board and results will be published in the IAGES website.
- ◆ Successful candidates will be awarded the Fellowship as per IAGES guidelines.
- ◆ 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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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- ◆ IAGES Membership is mandatory for Fellowship applicants.
- ◆ Fellowship eligibility is governed by IAGES regulations.
- ◆ Candidates must submit the required logbook & supporting documents.
- ◆ Assessment will be conducted by the FALS Board as per IAGES norms.
- ◆ Non-Fellowship participants will receive a Certificate of Participation/Completion.
- ◆ The course delivers focused, interactive sessions centred on practical techniques & real-world clinical scenarios.

Course Outline

Topics include:

- ◆ **Live Operative Workshop** with interactive discussions & active participant engagement.
- ◆ **High-quality Master Video Sessions** featuring expert demonstrations of advanced HPB procedures.

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13th - 15th November 2026

Tentative Scientific Programme

Venue: Apollo Hospitals,
Financial District, Hyderabad

Day 1 Friday | 13th November 2026

Topics Covered

Registration

Live Workshop

Liver

Surgical Anatomy and Anatomical Landmarks of the Liver

Vascular Control in Liver Surgery: Techniques and Tips

Role of ICG and How to use - what dose and timing of administration in various scenarios

Role of Intraoperative Ultrasound - available devices & how to use it

Step wise break down of liver surgery

Laparoscopic Surgery for Hydatid cysts of the liver

Right Hepatectomy

Left Hepatectomy

Monosegmentectomy - How to identify each segment and approach

Recipient Hepatectomy

Robotic Liver Transplant - Implantation

Hilar Cholangiocarcinoma

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Day 2 - Saturday | 14th November 2026

Topics Covered

Pancreas

Surgical Landmarks and Anatomy

Vascular Control - How to do it especially in borderline resections

Role of ICG and How to use - what dose and timing of administration in various scenarios

Step wise break down of Pancreatic surgery

Enucleation of small Pancreatic Tumors

Distal Pancreatectomy

Distal Pancreatectomy - With Spleen preservation

Lap Whipples

Robotic Whipple Procedure

Difference Between Lap and Robotic Whipples - technical pearls

Surgery for Chronic Pancreatitis

Minimally Invasive Necrosectomy

Lap Pancreatic Anastomosis

Robotic Pancreatic Anastomosis

Central Pancreatectomy

LPJ - Lap vs robotic

Lunch

Biliary Tree

Biliary anatomy - Real time intraoperative identification of landmarks and variations

Combined ERCP with Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy - how to do it - what first - how to help out in a difficult cannulation

Difficult Cholecystectomy

Robotic Cholecystectomy - What instruments and how to do it with minimal instruments

Minimally invasive CBD Exploration

Management of Biliary Strictures - Role of Lap / Robotic

ICG in Biliary Surgery - How to give it - dose / timing & real world usage

Robotic Technique of HJ

Lap Technique of HJ

Completion Cholecystectomy

Radical Cholecystectomy

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Day 3 - Sunday | 15th November 2026

Topics Covered

Tips & Tricks

How to read a CT of the Liver and plan for resections

Positioning - Port Placement and techniques for retraction for liver surgery

Navigation - What to do when you get lost inside the liver during transaction

Haemorrhage Control During Liver Surgery - how not to panic and control - when to convert

Retraction during Pancreatic Surgery

Haemorrhage Control during Pancreatic Surgery

Intraoperative Cholangiography and Cholangioscopy - How to do it

What to do if you injure the bile duct during

Cholecystectomy Step wise Guide to Creating a Roux En Y Limb for either a Biliary or Pancreatic anastomosis

Various devices available for vascular control and liver transection in a minimally invasive scenario - how to use them - what setting to use

Radiomics in Liver Surgery

AI in Liver Surgery

Exam Session

Bonus Sessions : (Limited Slots)

- ✦ *Workshop on ultrasound for surgeons*
- ✦ *Endoscopic Pancreatic & Biliary Intervention*
- ✦ *Hands on experience on surgical robot*

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Registration Details

Early Registration (Up to 30th September 2026)

Category	Fee
Indian Surgeons	INR 20,000 + 18% GST = INR 23,600
International Surgeons	USD 300 + 18% GST = USD 354

Regular Registration (1st October – 8th November 2026)

Category	Fee
Indian Surgeons	INR 25,000 + 18% GST = INR 29,500
International Surgeons	USD 350 + 18% GST = USD 413

Conference Only

Category	Fee
Early Bird Registration	INR 10,000 + 18% GST = INR 11,800
Regular Registration	INR 12,000 + 18% GST = INR 14,160

PG's

Category	Fee
Early Bird Registration	INR 3,000 + 18% GST = INR 3,540
Regular Registration	INR 5,000 + 18% GST = INR 5,900

Note : PG's have to bring a letter of recommendation from the HOD.

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