



**Breach Candy  
Hospital Trust**

# FALS Hernia 2026



**21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2026**



**Breach Candy Hospital, Mumbai**

## HIGHLIGHTS

- **Comprehensive 3 day Hernia Masterclass**
- **Robotic & Laparoscopic Hernia Repairs**
- **Live Surgeries**
- **In depth teaching**
- **Interactive Panels and Discussions**

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Organising Secretary  
**Dr. Nidhi Khandelwal**

Convenor  
**Dr. Hemant Patil**

Chief Co-Ordinator  
**Dr. Kayomars Kapadia**



# Welcome Message

## from the President, IAGES



Dear Delegates,

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome you all to the Fellowship Course in Hernia at the Mumbai Conference. This program reflects our commitment to advancing surgical excellence through structured training, skill enhancement, and academic exchange. Hernia surgery continues to evolve with newer techniques and technologies, and this course offers a valuable platform to learn from experts and refine practical skills. I encourage each one of you to actively participate, engage in discussions, and make the most of this opportunity. Wishing you a rewarding academic experience and a memorable time in Mumbai.

Warm Regards,



**Prof. Dr. K Govindaraj**  
President, IAGES



# Welcome Message

## from the Organising Team



Dear Colleagues,

It is our great pleasure to invite you to register for the **FALS Hernia Course**, being conducted from **21st to 23rd August 2026 at Breach Candy Hospital, Mumbai**.

Hernia has challenged surgeons since mankind first stood upright. Today, with a deeper understanding of its pathophysiology and rapid advancements in surgical techniques, we are better equipped than ever to treat it effectively. The advent of **Minimal Access Surgery** has truly transformed hernia management - enabling precision, reducing morbidity, and enhancing patient recovery.

However, as the field continues to evolve, so does the need for structured training and continual skill refinement.

In keeping with its legacy of academic excellence, **IAGES** brings to you a **comprehensively designed, hands-on program** that goes beyond conventional learning. The course features:

- Expert-led, high-yield lectures
- Live operative demonstrations by leading surgeons
- Interactive discussions and case-based learning

Whether you are beginning your journey in hernia surgery or aiming to strengthen your core fundamentals, **FALS Hernia 2026** promises to be an enriching and practice-changing experience.

We warmly invite you to join us in Mumbai for three days of learning, collaboration, and camaraderie.

Regards,

**Dr. Ramesh Punjani**, Organising Chairman  
**Dr. K Balsara**, Organising Co-Chairman  
**Dr. Nidhi Khandelwal**, Organising Secretary  
**Dr. Hemant Patil**, Convenor  
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Founder President



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# FALS Hernia 2026 Organising Committee



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Organising Chairman



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## Local Organising Team

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# FALS Hernia Guidelines



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

## **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](http://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.

## **Categories:**

### **1. Non-Examination category**

Surgeons who have been doing laparoscopic surgery in the chosen field (Hernia) for 10 or more years are eligible for Non-Examination Category.

Candidates should have performed more than 100 laparoscopic surgeries in the chosen subspecialty (Hernia). All the candidates will be interviewed by the IAGES FALS board for final assessment before being awarded a fellowship certificate.

### **2. Examination category**

All surgeons with a minimum of 3 years experience in the chosen specialty of laparoscopic surgery (Hernia). The applicant should have performed over 25 laparoscopic procedures in the chosen specialty (Hernia) either jointly or independently.

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

## **Logbook (only for examination category):**

**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 can email a copy of the logbook before 20 August 2026 to [surgeryacademicsmumbai@gmail.com](mailto:surgeryacademicsmumbai@gmail.com) with '(candidate's name) Logbook for FALS Hernia 2026' as the subject.



# 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.

**Schedule:**

Didactic lectures and interactive sessions on 21 & 22 August, 2026.

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**MCQ Exam (for exam category only):**

**Date:** August 22 2026

**Time:** 60 minutes (Maximum number of marks: 100)

The exam will have 100 MCQ questions (single best response type) and will be conducted via an online link. The candidate has to be present at the venue in person.

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**Practical Examination (for exam + non exam category):**

**Date:** August 22/23 2026

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

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Outcome of written and practical assessment will be prepared by the organizing team and sent to the President with a copy to Hon Secretary Office and FALS Board and results will be published on the IAGES website.

Successful candidates would 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 if he /she fails to attend two consecutive annual congress/convocation, on request.





# FALS Hernia

## Course Outline

(Tentative)

### DAY 1

- Inguinal Hernia, Diaphragmatic Hernia
- History & evolution of MIS hernia surgery
- Endoscopic anatomy of inguinal region
- Mesh, fixators, sutures & sealants for hernia repair
- Laparoscopic inguinal hernia repair
- Robotic hernia surgery
- TAPP/ TEP/ ETEP for groin hernia
- Difficult groin hernias- giant, recurrent, incarcerated
- Complications of MIS inguinal hernia surgery
- Chronic groin pain
- Recurrence after MIS inguinal hernia
- Laparoscopic management of diaphragmatic hernias
- Laparoscopic management of hiatal hernia
- Laparoscopy in emergency hernia surgery
- Panel Discussions

### DAY 2

- Ventral & Incisional Hernia
- Surgical anatomy of abdominal wall
- Abdominal incision closure and preventing hernias
- Imaging in hernias
- Pneumoperitoneum & Botox
- IPOM & IPOM Plus
- e-TEP- RS
- TARM
- Anterior Component Separation
- Posterior Component Separation
- Atypical hernias
- Ventral hernia algorithm
- Complications of MIS ventral hernia repair
- Complex hernias - Complex solutions
- Hernia repair in the morbidly obese
- Panel Discussions
- MCQ + Viva

### DAY 3

- Live Surgical Workshop
- Viva



# Registration Details



## EXAM + NON EXAM CATEGORY

**Early Bird  
till July 31, 2026**

**July 31 2026 onwards  
including spot registration**

**20000 + 18% GST**

**25000 + 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

**8000 + 18% GST**

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

## BANK DETAILS

**A/C Name** : SURGERY ACADEMICS MUMBAI  
**Bank** : HDFC BANK LTD  
**A/C No.** : 50200099513181  
**IFSC Code** : HDFC0000015  
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# Thank You!

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