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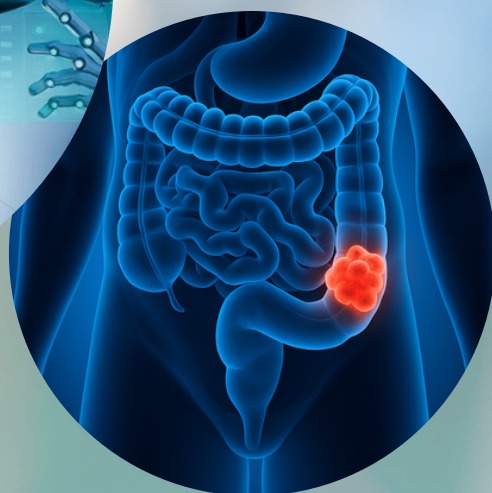
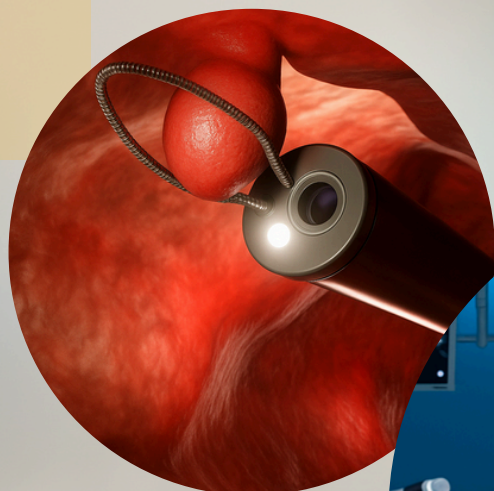
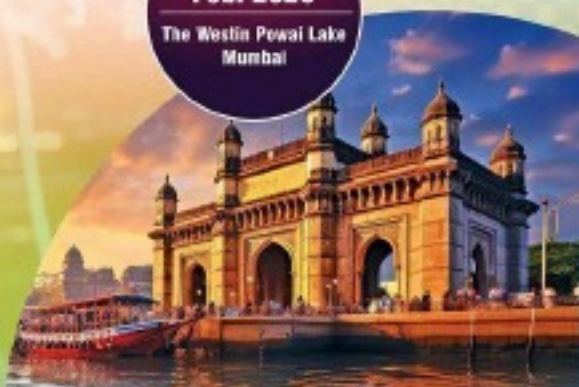
12<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>  
Feb. 2026

The Westin Powai Lake  
Mumbai

23<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL CONGRESS OF **IAGES** &  
3<sup>RD</sup> BIENNIAL SPRING MEETING OF **ELSA**

2026

**IAGES-ELSA**



Online Module

**FALS Colorectal  
2026**

Onsite Module

January 1, 2026  
onwards

February 12, 2026

**The Westin, Powai Lake, Mumbai**



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## A Message from the Organising Team

Dear Colleagues,

It gives us great pleasure to invite you to register for the FIAGES Course being held as part of the IAGES ELSA 2026 Congress, from 12th to 15th February 2026 at The Westin, Powai Lake, Mumbai.

FIAGES has, over the years, become a benchmark course in basic laparoscopic surgery, empowering young surgeons with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to begin or enhance their journey in Minimal Access Surgery. This meticulously structured program includes expert-led lectures, live operative demonstrations, step-by-step skill stations, and interactive sessions with experienced faculty.

This particular course has a unique design, comprising of online modules and onsite discussions. Registered candidates shall be given access to an online lecture module, which they can listen to from the comfort of their own homes and at their own pace. There shall be a short self-evaluation at the end of every lecture, allowing the candidate to completely understand the lecture in depth. These lecture modules shall be available from January 1, 2026 to February 11, 2026. Once a candidate completes the lecture module, he/ she can appear for the onsite module on February 12, 2026 followed by a MCQ & practical examination.

We encourage all eligible surgeons to take advantage of this enriching educational opportunity. Whether you're just starting out or looking to solidify your foundations in laparoscopy, FIAGES 2026 will be a transformative experience.

We look forward to welcoming you to the City of Dreams, Mumbai for a meaningful academic exchange and memorable fellowship.

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# **FALS Guidelines**

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

## **Eligibility criteria:**

- IAGES MEMBERSHIP IS A MUST.
- Those who are not members may apply for membership online. See the website [www.iages.in](http://www.iages.in) for more details.
- Post graduate degree in surgery is mandatory.
- The number of years of experience in laparoscopic surgery should be a minimum of 2 years (including experience in laparoscopy as a postgraduate surgical resident).
- A resident or junior consultant should obtain a certificate of experience from the HOD of the hospital/Institution as a supportive document. Attach soft copies of the MBBS, MS, or DNB certificate and MCI/ State registration certificate during membership registration.
- 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 also have to register for the IAGES ELSA 2026 Congress, to be held in Mumbai from February 13 to 15, 2026 in order to attend Live Surgeries, Lectures and Convocation Ceremony.

## **(A)FIAGES: NON-EXAMINATION CATEGORY:**

- Suitable for those candidates working as faculty in teaching institutions and all surgeons with more than 10-year experience in doing a laparoscopy.
- Already an IAGES member or applied for IAGES membership
- Number of laparoscopies done in the last 10 years: >250
- Would be eligible to receive the FIAGES fellowship on satisfactory completion of the FIAGES course and the informal interview.

## **(B) FIAGES: EXAMINATION CATEGORY**

- Suitable for those with a minimum of 2 years experience in laparoscopic surgery (Includes experience in laparoscopy as a postgraduate surgical resident).
- Fellow should have experience certificate from HOD, Employer or self if running own hospital.
- Fellow should present an online Log Book. Total 25 cases including all Assisted/ Operated laparoscopic surgeries.

## **Logbook (For Exam & Non Exam Fellowship delegates only)**

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



# **FALS Colorectal Guidelines**

Assessment of FALS Colorectal fellowship candidates will be conducted by IAGES Central Office.

## **Suggested Reading:**

Any textbooks/ journals pertaining to Basic & Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery.

## **Schedule:**

Self-paced Online lectures: Link shall be provided to registered candidates on or before January 1, 2026. The candidate needs to complete all lectures + short evaluation on or before February 11, 2026 in order to be eligible to attend the onsite module.

Onsite Module: Will include Hands on Training sessions, Lectures/ Panel discussions & exams/ viva on February 12, 2026.

## **MCQ Exam:**

Date: February 12, 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.

## **Practical Examination:**

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.

## **Endotrainer Evaluation:**

The candidates will be divided in to batches and examined by faculty members of IAGES. Maximum of 50 marks are allotted for the Endotrainer evaluation.

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 a copy to Hon Secretary Office and FIAGES board and results will be published in the IAGES website.

Successful candidates would be expected to attend IAGES ELSA 2026 and convocation ceremony on February 15, 2026 in order 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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# FALS Colorectal Course Outline

- Surgical Anatomy of the Rectum and its surgical perspective.
- Staging MRI for rectal Cancer - A game changer.
- Role of endoscopy in colorectal disease - Diagnostic as well as therapeutic.
- Surgical specimen of rectal cancer - what should a surgeon know?
- ERAS protocols and their relevance - Evidence Based.
- Hereditary colorectal polyposis syndrome- A surgeon's Perspective.
- Management Algorithm for colorectal polyps.
- Management protocol for appendicular mucinous neoplasia.
- Right hemicolectomy-CME D3: Is there an oncological advantage?
- Nerve-sparing anterior resection.
- TPC with IPAA.
- Different ways to mobilize the splenic flexure.
- Deep inside the pelvis- is the robot a game changer?
- Fluorescence image - Guided colorectal surgery?
- Peritoneal Disease - Is it a death sentence?
- How to make a good stoma?
- Management of parastomal hernias.
- Hemorrhoids - When and what to do?
- Rectal prolapse - current management.
- taTME (Current evidence of the transanal procedure for CA rectum).
- Lateral pelvic lymphadenectomy in CA rectum- What are the current guidelines?
- Landmark trials in colorectal surgery in the last 10 years.
- Intersphincteric resection- Oncological and functional outcomes.
- Pouch not coming down! - What should I do now?
- My anastomosis leaked - Oops!
- Synchronous CRLM.
- Pelvic exenteration - types and indications.
- Complicated Diverticulosis - Current Management.
- Fistula in ano- Different surgical options.

## Panel Discussions

## Hands on Suturing on an Endotrainer

- Demonstration by faculty
- Session wise Training by delegates/ under supervision

## Meet the Professor Sessions

## Virtual Surgical Workshop



## FALS Colorectal Registration Details

### Course Registration\*

Early Bird (Till June 30, 2025)		July 1, 2025 to November 30, 2025		December 1, 2025 to January 31, 2026	
Indian Surgeons	International Surgeons	Indian Surgeons	International Surgeons	Indian Surgeons	International Surgeons
INR 15,000 + 18% GST = INR 17,700	USD 200 + 18% GST = USD 236	INR 17,500 + 18% GST = INR 20,650	USD 250 + 18% GST = USD 295	INR 20000 + 18% GST = INR 23,600	USD 300 + 18% GST = USD 354

\*For delegates who have already registered for the IAGES ELSA 2026 Congress and wish to add the FIAGES course.

### Combo Registration (Course + Congress)\*\*

Early Bird (Till June 30, 2025)		July 1, 2025 to November 30, 2025		December 1, 2025 to January 31, 2026	
Indian Surgeons	International Surgeons	Indian Surgeons	International Surgeons	Indian Surgeons	International Surgeons
INR 25,000 + 18% GST = INR 29,500	USD 350 + 18% GST = USD 413	INR 27,500 + 18% GST = INR 32,450	USD 400 + 18% GST = USD 472	INR 30000 + 18% GST = INR 35,400	USD 450 + 18% GST = USD 531

\*\*For delegates who wish to register for the IAGES ELSA 2026 Congress and the FIAGES course.

**Complete Registration details & Eligibility criteria  
are available on: [www.iages2026.com](http://www.iages2026.com)**



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