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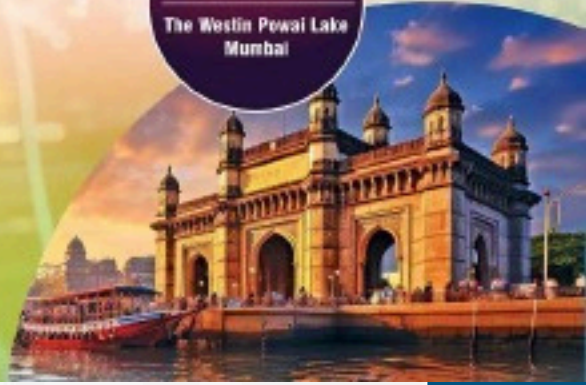
2026

IAGES-ELSA

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**12th -15th
Feb. 2026**

The Westin Powai Lake
Mumbai



FALS HERNIA 2026

**The Westin,
Powai Lake,
Mumbai**

ONLINE MODULE

January 1, 2026
onwards

ONSITE MODULE

February 12, 2026



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A Message from the Organising Team

Dear Colleagues,

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

Hernia is a problem which has plagued mankind since our species learned to walk upright. Today our understanding of the pathology has improved greatly, and so have our surgical techniques. Minimal Access Surgery has revolutionised the treatment of Hernias, making them easier to treat with the least possible morbidity.

The field of Hernia Surgery continues to evolve, and it requires more training and education. IAGES has always been at the forefront of such academic activities, and this particular program aims to do the same. 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 Hernia Surgery, FALS Hernia 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 Hernia 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 for more details.
- Post graduate degree in surgery is mandatory.
- 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.

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) 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 experience in the chosen specialty of laparoscopic surgery (Hernia). (Includes experience in laparoscopy as a postgraduate surgical resident).
- 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 during the forthcoming annual national conference (IAGES ELSA 2026) before awarding the fellowship.

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



FALS Hernia Guidelines

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

Suggested Reading:

Any textbooks/ journals pertaining to Basic & Advanced Laparoscopic & Robotic Hernia 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.

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 FALS Board 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.



FALS Hernia Course Outline

Inguinal Hernia, Diaphragmatic Hernia

- History & Evolution of Laparoscopic Hernia Surgery
- Endoscopic Anatomy of Inguinal Region
- Mesh/Fixators/Sutures & Sealants for Hernia Repair
- Laparoscopic Inguinal Hernia Repair- What does the evidence say?
- Role of Robotics in Hernia Surgery
- Difficult Groin Hernias- Giant, Recurrent, Incarcerated
- Complications of Lap Inguinal Hernia Surgery (Except Recurrence)
- Chronic Groin Pain – Is It A Myth or Reality? How to Tackle?
- Recurrence After Lap Inguinal Hernia- Factors & Solutions
- Laparoscopic Management of diaphragmatic – Hernias
- Laparoscopic Management of Hiatal Hernia
- Laparoscopy in Emergency Hernia Surgery
- TAPP- Elucidating the techniques & Key to Success
- TEP- Elucidating the techniques & Key to Success
- eTEP for Groin hernia

Ventral & Incisional Hernia

- Surgical Anatomy of Abdominal wall
- Abdominal Incision Closure and preventing hernias
- Well prepared is half done- Imaging in Hernias
- Pneumoperitoneum, Botox
- Complications of Laparoscopic Ventral Hernia Repair
- e-TEP- RS + TAR
- TARM
- SCOM, SCOLA, eMILOS
- Suprapubic, Epigastric & Sub Costal Hernia Repairs – Problems & solutions
- Parastomal Hernia Repair – Tips & Tricks
- Lumbar Hernias and denervation bulges
- Ventral Hernia Algorithm – Which Procedure is the best in this Patient?
- Hernia repair in the morbidly obese
- Complex Hernias – Complex Solutions?
- Lap. Ventral Hernia Repair (IPOM, IPOM Plus)
- Anterior Component Separation – Open & Laparoscopic
- Posterior Component Separation. Tips & Tricks

Panel Discussions

Meet the Professor Sessions

Live Surgical Workshop



FALS Hernia 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 20000 + 18% GST = INR 23,600	USD 300 + 18% GST = USD 354	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

*For delegates who have already registered for the IAGES ELSA 2026 Congress and wish to add the FALS Hernia 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 30000 + 18% GST = INR 35,400	USD 450 + 18% GST = USD 531	INR 32,500 + 18% GST = INR 38,350	USD 500 + 18% GST = USD 590	INR 35000 + 18% GST = INR 41,300	USD 550 + 18% GST = USD 649

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

**Complete Registration details & Eligibility criteria
are available on: www.iages2026.com**

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