



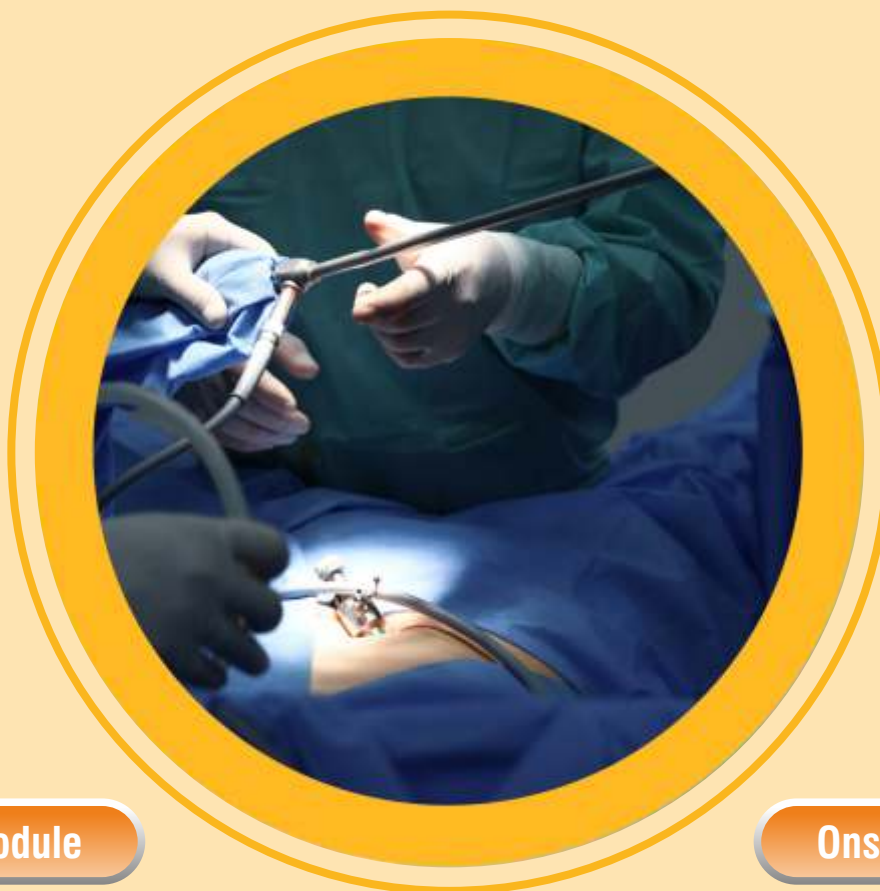
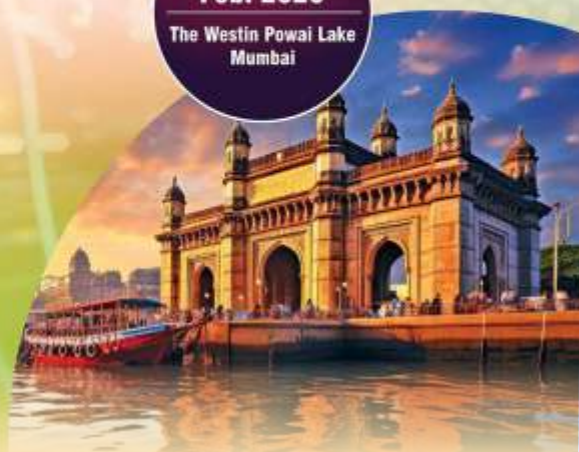
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23RD ANNUAL CONGRESS OF **IAGES** &
3RD BIENNIAL SPRING MEETING OF **ELSA**

2026

IAGES-ELSA



Online Module

January 1, 2026 onwards

Onsite Module

February 12, 2026

FALS ONCOLOGY

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 FALS ONCOLOGY Course being held as part of the IAGES ELSA 2026 Congress, from 12th to 15th February 2026 at The Westin, Powai Lake, Mumbai.

FALS ONCOLOGY 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, FALS ONCOLOGY 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 ONCOLOGY GUIDELINES

TYPES OF FELLOWSHIP AND THEIR ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

A) NON EXAMINATION CATEGORY ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- IAGES membership is a prerequisite for the FALS course. Non-members can apply simultaneously online on www.iages.in.
- Minimum of 10 years experience after post graduation and Minimum 7 years experience in Laparoscopic general surgery Independently / Mch / Dr N B general surgery.
- Should have performed at least 30 laparoscopic procedures independently.
- Should attend fellowship course on all 3 days and appear for Interview.
- Submission of logbook of Laparoscopic surgery cases certified by HOD or self if working in his own setup at the time of interview.
- Submission of a CD, recorded in two different surgical procedures is desirable but not mandatory since the recording facility is not available in every OT setup.
- If the above criteria are not fulfilled he or she will not be shifted to the examination category.
- All candidates will be interviewed by the IAGES board before conferring the award.

B) EXAMINATION CATEGORY ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- IAGES membership is a prerequisite for the FALS course. Non-members can apply simultaneously online on www.iages.in.
- Minimum of 5 years experience after PG and minimum 3 years experience in Laparoscopic surgery independently.
- Should have performed a minimum of 15 Laparoscopic procedures independently or under supervision.
- Should attend Fellowship course on all 3 days appear for Interview.
- Have to appear for written examination and interview. Read all relevant topics before attending the fellowship course.
- Submission of logbook of Laparoscopic cases certified by HOD or self if working in his own setup at the time of interview.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Attach additional sheet if required

- Total no. of surgeries done until now.
- Numbers of open / laparoscopic surgeries done independently until now.
- Numbers of open / laparoscopic surgeries assisted or performed under supervision.
- Logbook of Laparoscopic and open surgeries attested by HOD (Attached / Not Attached).
- DVD of two different Laparoscopic and Open Surgery (Submitted / Not Submitted).



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Assessment of FIAGES 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 ONCOLOGY Course Outline

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TOPICS

GENERAL

1. Making the transition to MAS from open surgery in Oncology

UPPER GI

1. Anatomy and CASE selection in MAS Esophageal & Gastric Surgery
2. Robotic esophagectomy – Mastervideo (Thoracic)
3. Laparoscopic D2 proximal Gastrectomy
4. Complications of Esophageal and gastric surgery.
5. GIST of GIST tumours.
6. Right choice of surgery in GEJ tumours.
7. NACT vs Upfront surgery in Distal gastric cancer.

LOWER GI

1. Anatomy for the MAS CRC surgeon
2. Choice of MRI in rectum
3. RT extended hemicolectomy with D3 lymphadenectomy - Lecture
4. Laparoscopic left hemicolectomy – Video
5. Fluorescence Guided Surgery in colorectal cancer surgery
6. Laparoscopic anterior resection - Video
7. ROBOTIC ISR – Video
8. TAMIS – Technical challenges
9. Role of MAS in metastatic CRC.
10. MAS in CRS & HIPEC – evidence and challenges.
11. Reversal of Hartman – Challenges and patient selection.
12. Laparoscopic Total proctocolectomy
13. Familial syndromes in CRC – Lec
14. TNT – Evolving or standard of care
15. Surgery in era of wait & watch in rectal cancer.

HPB

1. Laparoscopic / Robotic liver resections – Evidence & challenges
2. Laparoscopic Distal Pancreatectomy – video
3. Robotic Whipple – Evidence
4. Endoscopic management in palliative cases in HPB malignancies
5. Laparoscopic Radical cholecystectomy.



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ONLINE SESSIONS

GENERAL

1. Making the transition to MAS from open surgery – Open to Robotic vs Lap to Robotic.

UPPER GI

1. Anatomy and CASE selection in MAS Esophageal & Gastric Surgery
2. Position and port placement in esophagectomy (Thoracic)
3. Approach to D2 lymphnode stations in Gastrectomy via MAS.
4. GIST of GIST tumours.
5. Right choice of surgery in GEJ tumours.
6. NACT vs Upfront surgery in Distal gastric cancer.

LOWER GI

1. Anatomy for the MAS CRC surgeon
2. Choice of MRI in rectum
3. RT extended hemicolectomy with D3 lymphadenectomy
4. Multivisceral resections in Carcinoma Rectum
5. Lateral pelvic lymphnode dissection – extent and evidence
6. Fluorescence Guided Surgery in colorectal cancer surgery
7. Low anterior resection – tips & tricks
8. Laparoscopic ELAPE and reconstruction
9. TAMIS – Technical challenges
10. Role of MAS in metastatic CRC.
11. MAS in CRS & HIPEC in CRC – evidence and challenges.
12. Reversal of Hartman – Challenges and patient selection.
13. Laparoscopic Total proctocolectomy
14. Familial syndromes in CRC
15. Surgery in era of wait & watch in rectal cancer.

HPB

1. Laparoscopic / Robotic liver resections – Evidence & challenges
2. Laparoscopic RAMPS – Challenges and complications
3. MAS for Whipple's procedure – Tips and tricks
4. Endoscopic management in palliative cases in HPB malignancies
5. Laparoscopic Radical cholecystectomy.



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ONSITE SESSIONS

UPPER GI

MASTERVIDEOS

1. Robotic Esophagectomy – Mastervideo (Thoracic)
2. Laparoscopic D2 proximal Gastrectomy

Panel - Complications of Esophageal and gastric surgery.

LOWER GI

MASTERVIDEOS

1. Robotic left hemicolectomy
2. Laparoscopic anterior resection
3. ROBOTIC ISR
4. Laparoscopic Total proctocolectomy

Panel – Complications and management in CRC

HPB

MASTERVIDEOS

1. Laparoscopic / Robotic liver resections
2. Laparoscopic Distal Pancreatectomy
3. Robotic Whipple

Panel – Diagnostic dilemmas in Biliary tract cancers



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FALS ONCOLOGY 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 20,000 + 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 & wish to add the FALS ONCOLOGY 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 30,000 + 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 35,000 + 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 ONCOLOGY course.

Complete Registration details &
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