

FALS Guidelines

(Fellowship of Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery)

Candidate should be an IAGES member.

Fellowship certificate will be awarded only if the delegate attends the convocation ceremony at the subsequent national conference.

Registration for the national conference is mandatory.

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.

FALS courses can be taken under following subspecialty for year 2020-21

- Upper GI
- Colo-rectal
- Oncology
- Hernia
- Bariatric surgery

Non-Examination category

Surgeons who have been doing laparoscopic surgery in the chosen field for 10 or more years are eligible for Non Examination Category. Candidates should have performed more than 100 laparoscopic surgeries and need to submit a logbook to substantiate the

claim. All the candidates will be interviewed by the IAGES board for final assessment before awarding fellowship

Examination Category

All surgeons with a minimum of five years experience in the chosen specialty of laparoscopic surgery after post-graduation can apply in this category. The applicant should have performed over 25 laparoscopic procedures in the chosen specialty either jointly or independently. All the candidates would appear for MCQ assessment and Viva by the IAGES FALS board for final assessment during forthcoming annual national conference before awarding the fellowship

Non Fellowship Category

- Online FALS course is also open to Non members and all surgical postgraduates and interested surgeons across the globe under the Non-Fellowship category where in they are eligible to take this course and receive the Certificate of completion of FALS course.
- They could register and participate in the annual national conference as postgraduates or Non-member category

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