

FALS Proctology Guidelines

(Fellowship of Advanced Proctology Surgery)

About FALS Proctology Fellowship Course

This course is to train senior or advanced laparoscopic surgeons and to keep the members abreast with recent advancements in advanced FALS Proctology procedures.

A. FELLOWSHIP CATEGORY

Eligibility Criteria:

- IAGES MEMBERSHIP IS MUST.

Those who are not members may apply for membership online. See the website www.iages.in for more details

1. 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.

2. Non-Examination category

- Surgeons who have been doing laparoscopic surgery and Proctology in the chosen field for 10 or more years are eligible for Non-Examination Category.
- Candidates should have performed more than 100 laparoscopic / Proctology surgeries in the chosen subspecialty 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

3. Examination Category

Post graduate degree (Post MS / DNB) in General surgery is mandatory.

B. Non-Fellowship Category

- FALS Proctology course is also open to Non-members and all surgical postgraduates and interested surgeons across the globe, under the non-Fellowship category wherein they are eligible to take this course and receive the Certificate of completion of FALS Proctology 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
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FALS PROCTOLOGY FELLOWSHIP COURSE MODULES	
I	Fundamentals:
1	Anatomy as relevant to the surgeon
2	Clinical examination of the anorectal complex
3	Essential imaging for Anal Fistula
4	Local Anaesthesia and postop analgesia for proctological procedures
5	Anal Fissure
6	Lateral internal sphincterotomy
7	LASER sphincterotomy
8	Hemorrhoids
9	The Milligan Morgan Technique
10	Stapler Hemorrhoidopexy MIPH
11	Hybrids and LASER
12	Chivates procedure
13	Office procedures
14	Anal Fistula
15	Procedure selection
16	The identification of fistula openings
17	Acute Abscess in Fistula
18	Supralevator abscesses in Fistula
19	Surgery for intersphincteric and transsphincteric fistula
20	Setons
21	Primary Sphincteroplasty for anal fistula
22	LIFT
23	VAAFT ?
24	LASER Fistula
25	Pilonidal Sinus
26	MIS for pilonidal sinus LASER & EpSiT
27	Excisional surgery for pilonidal sinus
28	Flaps for pilonidal sinus
29	Special situations:
30	Anal tuberculosis
31	IBD anal fistula
32	Anorectal vaginal fistulae
33	Anal warts
34	Pruritus ani
35	Reconstructive anal:
36	Anoplasty – Step by step
37	Graciloplasty – Indication and technique
38	Newer sphincter repairs – Indication and evidence
39	Pelvic floor
40	Assessment and Treatment of ODS
41	STARR

42	Solitary Rectal Ulcer – Optimal Management
43	Rectal Prolapse – Case based approach
44	Altemiers operation – Indication and technique
45	Suture and posterior rectopexy
46	Ventral suspension rectopexy
47	Oncology
48	Early rectal malignancies - TAMIS
49	Advanced anal cancer / Low anterior resection
50	Intersphincteric resection
51	Optimal TME in Carcinoma Rectum
52	TATME
53	Panels:
54	Complications in Proctology Surgery
55	Enhancing outcomes and revision surgery for rectal prolapse
56	Anastomotic complications in surgery for carcinoma rectum discussion

Assessment of FALS fellowship candidates/Exam category

The candidate is expected to know all important facts in Chosen subspecialty in laparoscopic surgery.

- Written Paper Timings: **60 minutes**
- Maximum number of marks: 100
- The written paper should have 100 MCQ questions (single best response type).
- Practical Examination:
 - Interview/assessment for approximately 10 minutes on each candidate. The candidates are divided in to batches and are interviewed by the two or more senior most 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 and results will be published in the IAGES website.

- Successful candidates would be expected to attend the subsequent annual conference and convocation 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.

importance to be safe and to prevent complications should be highlighted whenever required.

- Speakers and chairpersons have to stick to the timeline. Only one liner introduction of speakers and chair persons will save time for the lecture.
- Chairpersons have to ensure that there is no encroachment on other speaker or discussion time and they have to facilitate interaction between speaker and audience and which should be to the point.
- All speakers and topic of their lecture should be finalized at least 1 to 2 months in advance by the local organizing committee in consultation and knowledge of the president, chairman-fellow ship board or any consigned officer. Alternative replacement has to be made for any last-minute withdrawal due to unavoidable circumstances.
- The Feedback assessment form is given to all the delegates for their comments and suggestions.
- Presentation of mementos to be avoided on the stage since lots of time is wasted and time scheduled is disturbed and delayed. It is preferable to place it in the registration bag.