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# FALS BARIATRIC

Understanding Obesity Management  
& Learn Multimodal Pathways

October 16,17 & 18, 2025 | 10th Floor, Auditorium,  
Yashoda Hospitals, Somajiguda, Hyderabad

*Applied For TGMC Credit Hours*

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## IAGES Message

### Namaskar!

It is with immense pride and enthusiasm that I extend a heartfelt welcome to each of you for the FALS Bariatric Course, being hosted at the esteemed Yashoda Hospitals, Hyderabad, from October 16th to 18th, 2025. This academic initiative, under the dynamic leadership of **Dr. Lakshmi Kona**, Organising Chairperson, promises to be a transformative experience for all participants.

The theme of this year's course, "Understanding Obesity Management and Learning Multimodal Pathways," could not be more timely or relevant. As India grapples with a rising tide of obesity and its associated metabolic disorders, the role of bariatric surgery has evolved from being a mere weight-loss intervention to a comprehensive metabolic solution. This course aims to equip surgeons with the knowledge, skills, and vision to address this challenge head-on.

Over the three days, delegates will be immersed in a rich tapestry of learning—ranging from evidence-based lectures and live surgical demonstrations to interactive panel discussions and one-to-one interactions with experts. The curriculum has been meticulously designed to reflect the latest advancements in minimally invasive techniques, enhanced recovery protocols, and multidisciplinary care models. Whether you're a seasoned practitioner or a young surgeon eager to explore the field, this course will offer invaluable insights and practical takeaways.

IAGES have always stood at the forefront of surgical education, and the FALS platform exemplifies our commitment to excellence. The Bariatric Fellowship is not just a credential—it is a symbol of dedication to patient-centered care, innovation, and lifelong learning.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the entire organizing team, including **Dr. Ganni Bhaskar Rao**, Vice President, Central Zone IAGES; Organising Secretaries **Dr. Harishwar Goud**, **Dr. Hemanth T**, and other members, for their tireless efforts in curating a program that is both academically rigorous and personally enriching. Their passion and precision ensure that this course will be a benchmark in bariatric education.

Hyderabad, with its blend of heritage and modernity, offers the perfect backdrop for this academic celebration. I encourage all participants to take a moment to enjoy the city's culture, cuisine, and warmth while forging new professional connections.

Let us come together to learn, share, and elevate the standards of care in bariatric surgery. I look forward to welcoming you all and witnessing the collective brilliance that defines our fraternity.

Warm regards,

**Dr. Satish Midha**, MS, FICS, FIAGES, EFIAGES, FALS, FAGIE, FAIS, FISG, FSGEI  
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**Dr. Satish Midha**  
President, IAGES  
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## MESSAGE FROM THE FALS BOARD CHAIRMAN, IAGES

Morbid obesity and metabolic disorders are a consequence of the altered lifestyle of modern times. The prevalence of these conditions is steadily rising.

While dietary modifications, lifestyle changes, and newer anti-obesity medications benefit some patients, a substantial number require surgical intervention for effective and sustained results.

Bariatric surgery involves scientifically modifying the gastrointestinal tract to help patients achieve significant and long-term weight loss.

Minimal Access Surgery has become integral to nearly all abdominal procedures—including bariatric surgery. It is a highly specialized field that demands structured training.

IAGES offers various fellowship programs across different domains of Minimal Access Surgery. FALS Bariatric is one such course where all aspects of this field are thoroughly discussed over three days by eminent faculty dedicated to advancing surgical education in this specialty.

**Dr. Lakshmi Kona** is a dynamic surgeon with a keen interest in bariatric surgery. She is not only highly skilled but also a passionate educator. I am confident that she, along with the other distinguished faculty members, will leave no stone unturned to ensure the success of this course.

I strongly encourage all surgeons to attend and take full advantage of this valuable opportunity

I request everyone to participate and take advantage of this course.

**Dr. Ramesh Punjani**  
Chairman, FALS Board, IAGES



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## GREETINGS FROM THE CENTRAL ZONE, IAGES!

Dear participants,

It is a privilege to welcome you to the FALS Bariatric program—a platform dedicated to advancing excellence in minimally invasive metabolic and bariatric surgery.

In a time when obesity and related disorders are on the rise, your commitment to mastering advanced surgical skills is both timely and vital. This fellowship is not just about technique—it’s about transforming lives through safe, evidence-based, and compassionate care.

I congratulate all participants and faculty for driving surgical innovation forward. Together, let us continue to set new standards in bariatric care.

**Dr. Ganni Bhaskara Rao**  
Vice President,  
Central Zone, IAGES



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## HONORARY SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

### Warm greetings from IAGES!

It gives me great pleasure to extend my heartfelt wishes to the entire organising team of FALS Bariatric 2025, scheduled to be held from October 16 to 18, 2025, at Yashoda Hospitals, Somajiguda, Hyderabad.

I congratulate Dr. Lakshmi Kona, Organising Chairperson; Dr. Harishwar Goud and Dr. Hemanth T, Organising Secretaries; and Dr. Ganni Bhaskar Rao, Vice President – Central Zone, for curating this academic event with such dedication and precision.

This fellowship program promises a comprehensive and structured academic experience in bariatric surgery, covering key concepts ranging from the history and evolution of bariatric surgery to advanced techniques and complication management. Highlights include:

- Step-by-step technical modules on Sleeve Gastrectomy, RYGB, OAGB, and revisional bariatric procedures.
- Guidelines, safety protocols, and enhanced recovery pathways tailored for the Indian context.
- Endoscopic weight loss options, robotic approaches, and management of specific scenarios such as adolescent obesity, hernias, and diabetes remission.
- Dedicated sessions on nutritional supplementation, patient counselling, and long-term follow-up protocols.

The academic framework ensures that participants benefit from both theoretical knowledge and clinical insight, supplemented by video-based teaching and case-based learning.

As part of the FALS certification process, delegates pursuing the fellowship (exam and non-exam) are required to complete:

- A Viva Voce assessment, and
- An MCQ-based online exam, with no negative marking.

All delegates are encouraged to attend every session and participate actively, as this course is designed not only to teach techniques, but also to foster judgment, safety, and confidence in clinical practice.

On behalf of IAGES, I once again convey my best wishes to the organising team, faculty, and delegates. May FALS Bariatric 2025 be an academically rewarding and professionally enriching experience for everyone.

Warm Regards,



**Dr. T. Siva Kumar**  
Honorary Secretary  
Indian Association of Gastrointestinal Endo Surgeons (IAGES)





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## ORGANISING TEAM MESSAGE

Greetings!

It gives us immense pleasure and pride to welcome you to the Fellowship in Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery (FALS) - Bariatrics Program, scheduled to be held from October 16th to 18th, 2025.

As the Organizing Chairperson, I am deeply honored to host this prestigious academic initiative aimed at advancing the art and science of bariatric surgery. This program brings together a distinguished faculty of experienced surgeons, thought leaders, and pioneers in the field, offering an intensive and interactive platform to refine skills, update knowledge, and foster collaboration.

The field of bariatric and metabolic surgery is evolving rapidly, and staying abreast of contemporary techniques, emerging technologies, and patient-centered protocols is essential. FALS Bariatrics is designed not only to enhance surgical proficiency but also to stimulate academic curiosity and promote clinical excellence.

We have curated a rich and engaging program comprising didactic lectures, operative videos, and panel discussions. Whether you are an experienced practitioner or an aspiring bariatric surgeon, this course promises to be a valuable milestone in your professional journey.

I warmly invite you to be a part of this academic feast and contribute to our shared mission of raising the standards of bariatric care across the country.

Looking forward to welcoming you this October.

## ORGANISING TEAM



**Dr. Lakshmi Kona**  
Organising Chairperson



**Dr. Harishwar Goud**  
Organising Secretary



**Dr. Hemanth T**  
Organising Secretary



**Dr. Ganni Bhaskar Rao**  
Vice President Central Zone,  
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This course is designed to train Senior or Advanced Laparoscopic Surgeons and to keep members up to date with recent advancements in advanced laparoscopic procedures. FALS courses are organized in various subspecialties such as Hernia, Bariatric Surgery, Upper Gastrointestinal Surgery, Colorectal Surgery, Oncology, HPB Surgery, and Robotic Surgery.

### (A) FELLOWSHIP CATEGORIES

**Eligibility Criteria: IAGES MEMBERSHIP IS MUST.**

Those who are not members may apply for membership online. See the website [www.iages.in](http://www.iages.in) for more details. 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.

#### 1) NON-EXAMINATION CATEGORY

Surgeons who have been performing laparoscopic surgery in the chosen field for 10 or more years are eligible for the Non-Examination Category. Candidates should have performed more than 100 laparoscopic surgeries in the chosen subspecialty and need to submit a logbook to substantiate their claim. All candidates will be interviewed by the IAGES board for final assessment before the fellowship is awarded.

#### 2) EXAMINATION CATEGORY

All surgeons with a minimum of 3 years of experience in the chosen specialty of laparoscopic surgery (this includes experience in laparoscopy as a postgraduate surgical resident). The applicant should have performed over 25 laparoscopic procedures in the chosen specialty either jointly or independently. All candidates must appear for an MCQ assessment and a viva by the IAGES FALS board for final assessment during the forthcoming annual national conference before the fellowship is awarded.

### (B) NON-FELLOWSHIP CATEGORY

The FALS course is also open to non-members and all surgical postgraduates and interested surgeons worldwide under the Non-Fellowship Category. They are eligible to take this course and receive a Certificate of Completion for the FALS course. They can register and participate in the annual national conference as postgraduates or in the Nonmember Category.

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## FALS GUIDELINES

### LOGBOOK

Age/Sex/Surgery/Role/Post-OP Course/Complication/Remarks

Role - Assisted/Under supervision/Independent (as a dropdown)

Post-op course - Uneventful/Eventful (as a dropdown)

Complications - Infection, Bleeding, Leak, Stricture, Bstruction, Others (as a dropdown) Remarks - Type the outcome of the event, whether the patient has been conservatively managed, recovered, deceased, transferred, etc.

Assessment of FALS fellowship candidates/Exam category will be conducted by the IAGES Central Office. The candidate is expected to know all important facts in the chosen subspecialty of laparoscopic surgery.

**Online Exam Timings:** 60 minutes

**Maximum number of marks:** 100

The Online Exam will consist of 100 MCQ questions (single best response type).

### PRACTICAL EXAMINATION:

Interview/assessment for approximately 10 minutes for each candidate. The candidates are divided into batches and are interviewed by two or more of the senior-most faculty members of IAGES, depending on the number of candidates. A maximum of 50 marks is allotted for the interview.

The outcome of the written and practical assessment will be prepared by the organizing team, signed, and sent to the President, with a copy to the Hon. Secretary's Office and the FALS board. The results will be published on the IAGES website.

Successful candidates are expected to Register and attend the subsequent annual conference and convocation to receive the fellowship certificate. The fellowship certificate will be posted to the candidate if he/she fails to attend two consecutive annual congresses/convocations.

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## FALS BARIATRIC SURGERY COURSE MODULE

Physiology of Obesity

Physiological Basis of Antiobesity Treatment

Surgical Procedures

Technological Advancement in Weight Loss Procedures

Anti Obesity Medications (AOM'S)

Nutritional Management of Obesity

Nutritional Complications

Revisional Surgery or Anti Obesity Medications for Weight Regain

How to Improve Long Term Bariatric and Metabolic Outcomes

Virtual Live Surgeries

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

**DETAILS**

Title:  Prof.  Dr.  Mr.  Ms.  Mrs.

Full Name\* \_\_\_\_\_

Email ID\* \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile\*

Gender:  Male  Female

Birthday\* \_\_\_\_\_

Year of passing MS/DNB General Surgery \* \_\_\_\_\_

Category\*  Fellowship - Exam  Fellowship - Non Exam  CME

PG Trainee  PG Trainee  Porcine Training & Simulation

Only those who have completed 10 years after passing MS/DNB will be eligible for Non Exam category. (Year of passing prior to 2014)

IAGES Membership Number \* \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_

City : \_\_\_\_\_

State : \_\_\_\_\_ Country : \_\_\_\_\_ Pin :

Phone (STD/ISD) Code: \_\_\_\_\_ (0): \_\_\_\_\_ @: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Place of Practice\* \_\_\_\_\_

Position\* \_\_\_\_\_

Are you trained in Bariatric Surgery?  YES  NO

Do you practice Bariatric Surgery?  YES  NO



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## REGISTRATION DETAILS

CATEGORY	FEES
FALS Bariatric - Exam Category	19,500 INR
FALS Bariatric - Non Exam Category	18,550 INR
FALS Bariatric - CME	8,260 INR
FALS Bariatric - CME - International Surgeon	275 USD
FALS Bariatric CME - PG Trainee	3000 INR

All mentioned charges inclusive of GST

## PAYMENT DETAILS

Payment Type:  By Cheque / DD  By Cash  By NEFT

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ In Words: \_\_\_\_\_

Cheque / DD No./ NEFT ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Cheque / DD / NEFT Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

Kindly send DD or Cheque In favour of '**FALS Bariatric**' payable at '**HYDERABAD**' Branch along with Registration Form to Conferencr Secretariat (Please Mention your name, city and mobile number behind the cheque or DD).

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After the NEFT transfer please send us the duly filled Registration Form via registered post or e-mail

## REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

- PG Students / Fellows will have to submit a certificate from their Head of Department (HOD)
- Delegates cannot opt for the accompanied persons category. Reduced rates are meant to encourage spouse participation
- Registration is mandatory for the conference and all official proceedings
- Registration fees will be based on the date of receipt of payment
- Provide all the necessary details as required in the form and provide us your updated email ID; it will be used for the registration receipt and for the conference communication purpose only
- Please preserve a photocopy of all submissions for your record
- Registration fees include admission to the scientific hall, trade exhibition, Inaugural Function followed by Dinner, Lunches, and Entertainment program
- The Organizing Committee shall not be liable in any form in case of changes in date / venue due to unforeseen reasons
- Conference organizers are not responsible for postal delays / failure of delivery by post or failure of electronic communication
- Please produce the confirmation letter at the registration counter during the conference
- IAGES Membership is Mandatory for Exam & Non - Exam Category

## CANCELLATION POLICY

- No Refund on Cancellation

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