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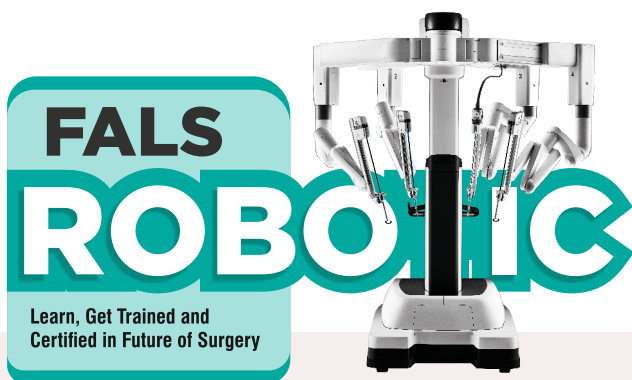


**FALS**  
**ROBOTIC**

Learn, Get Trained and  
Certified in Future of Surgery

May 1, 2 & 3, 2025 | 10th Floor, Auditorium,  
Yashoda Hospitals, Somajiguda, Hyderabad





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## IAGES Message

Dear Esteemed Colleagues and Future Robotics Experts,

### Namaskar!

As President of the Indian Association of Gastrointestinal Endo Surgeons (IAGES), it is my great pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all of you for the upcoming FALS Robotics Course in the vibrant city of Hyderabad from May 1st to 3rd, 2025.

In the dynamic and ever-evolving field of surgery, robotics stands at the frontier of innovation, offering unparalleled precision and enhanced patient outcomes. This course is designed to immerse you in the latest advancements and techniques in robotic surgery, guided by a distinguished panel of experts and pioneers in the field.

Over these three days, you will have the opportunity to engage in hands-on training sessions, interactive workshops, and insightful discussions. Whether you are an experienced surgeon looking to refine your skills or a newcomer eager to explore the world of robotics, this course will provide you with the knowledge and tools to excel in your practice.

Hyderabad, with its rich history and culture, offers the perfect backdrop for this transformative learning experience. As you embark on this journey of professional growth, take a moment to explore the city's heritage, cuisine, and warm hospitality.

I look forward to meeting each one of you and witnessing the collective brilliance and dedication that drive our community. Together, let us embrace the future of surgery and continue to elevate the standards of care for our patients.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the entire organizing team for their unwavering dedication and meticulous efforts in bringing this event to fruition. Their commitment to excellence ensures that this course will be a memorable and successful scientific event.

I eagerly look forward to welcoming each and every one of you to this academic feast and festival. Let us come together to learn, share, and grow in our collective journey toward advancing the field of robotics.

Wishing you all an enriching and inspiring experience at the FALS Robotics Course.

Warm regards,

**Dr. Satish Midha**, MS, FICS, FIAGES, EFIAGES, FALS, FAGIE, FAIS, FISG, FSGEI  
President, IAGES 2025-26

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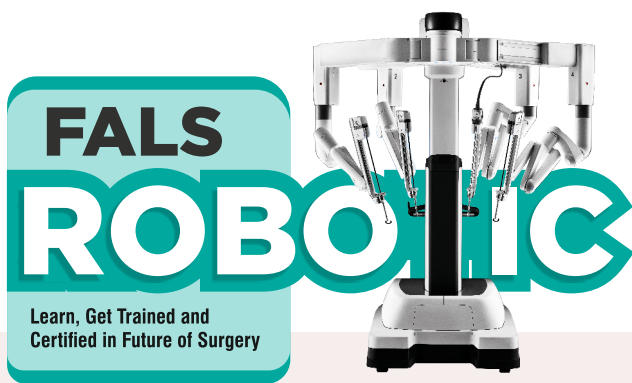
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**Dr. Satish Midha**  
President, IAGES  
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## Message from the FALS Board Chairman, IAGES

After the first Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy by my mentor & teacher, the late Dr. T. E. Udwadia, surgeons across India started venturing into it, and soon, CBD injuries began rising. To increase the safety of laparoscopic surgery and promote it in the right way, IAGES was established by founder President Dr. T. E. Udwadia. With robotic surgery on the rise, IAGES felt the necessity of proper training, and hence, FALS Robotics was started a few years ago.

Robotic-assisted surgery is a cutting-edge technology offering various advantages to both patients and surgeons. Despite the increased cost, we are seeing a rise in its use-and rightly so. Robotics is now encompassing almost all abdominal surgeries and hernia procedures.

FALS Robotics is a well-designed course that will cover all the nuances of robotic surgery in a structured manner, led by experts who are already ahead of others.

**Dr. Lakshmi Kona**, a very competent laparoscopic surgeon and passionate teacher, has been performing robotic surgery for quite some time. This course will add value to progressive surgeons who have been performing these surgeries or those who want to start.

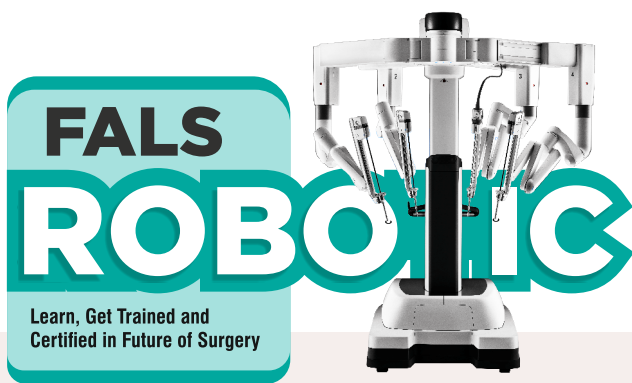
I request everyone to participate and take advantage of this course.

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



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## GREETINGS FROM THE CENTRAL ZONE, IAGES!

Robotics has revolutionized the field of surgery by enhancing precision, reducing invasiveness, and improving patient outcomes.

I appreciate the efforts you and your team are putting into organizing FALS (Robotics). Bringing together experts, innovators, and practitioners in this field is no small task, and I commend your dedication to making this event a success.

I am confident that this conference will serve as a valuable platform for advancing robotic surgery and fostering collaboration.

Wishing you all the best for a successful and impactful event!

**Dr. Ganni Bhaskara Rao**

Vice President,  
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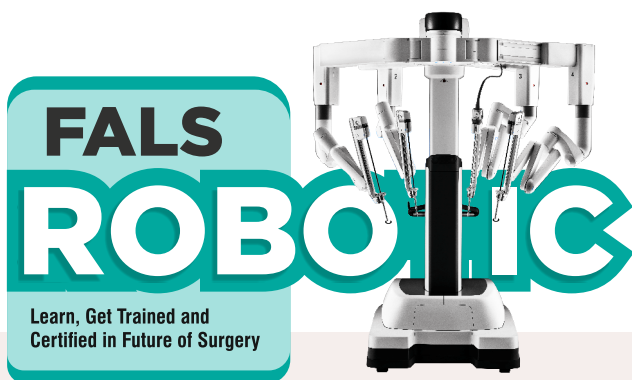


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## HONORARY SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Dear Esteemed Colleagues and Friends,  
Greetings from the IAGES Central Office!

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I extend my best wishes for the upcoming **FALS Robotic Surgery Fellowship Course**, organized by **Dr. Lakshmi Kona** and the esteemed team in Hyderabad. Under the visionary leadership of **Dr. Ramesh Punjani**, Chairman of the FALS Board, this event promises to be a milestone in advancing surgical excellence in robotic technology.

Robotic surgery stands at the forefront of modern surgical innovation, offering **unparalleled precision, dexterity, and superior patient outcomes**. This fellowship program has been meticulously designed to provide participants with:

- An in-depth understanding of cutting-edge robotic surgical techniques.
- Hands-on experience with advanced robotic systems.
- Invaluable insights from distinguished faculty members.

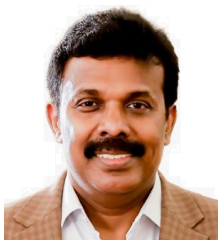
### Scientific Highlights of the Course:

- **Keynote lectures and panel discussions** by leading experts in robotic surgery.
- **Live operative workshops** showcasing advanced robotic procedures across multiple specialities.
- **Special emphasis** on the role of robotic surgery in **hernia repair, colorectal procedures, and complex oncological surgeries**.
- **Interactive sessions** focused on clinical decision-making, troubleshooting, and future trends in robotic-assisted surgery.
- **A structured assessment module**, including MCQs and a viva examination for fellowship aspirants.

This scientific extravaganza is set to empower surgeons with the skills necessary to seamlessly integrate robotic technology into their daily practice, ultimately enhancing surgical precision and patient care.

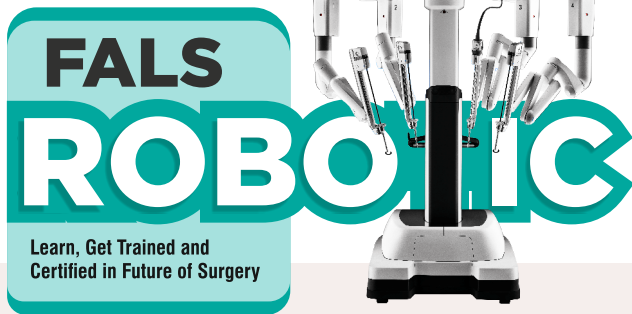
On behalf of IAGES, I extend my sincere appreciation to the organizing team in Hyderabad for their dedication and commitment to fostering excellence in minimal access surgery. I encourage all surgeons to take part in this transformative learning experience, which will undoubtedly shape the future of robotic surgery in India.

Wishing the team and all participants a highly successful and enriching fellowship course!



**Dr. T. Siva Kumar**  
Hon'ble. Secretary, IAGES





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## ORGANISING TEAM MESSAGE

Greetings!

We are delighted to announce the Robotic Surgery Fellowship Program – FALS Robotics, organized by Yashoda Hospital, Hyderabad, under the esteemed aegis of IAGES. This immersive three-day program is designed to refine your expertise in robotic surgery, empowering you to deliver unparalleled precision and excellence in patient care.

As robotic surgery continues to revolutionize the surgical landscape, this fellowship provides an exceptional opportunity to gain comprehensive, hands-on experience with cutting-edge robotic systems. Learn from renowned experts, engage in high-impact training, and become part of an elite network of robotic surgeons pushing the boundaries of modern surgery.

Tailored for surgeons and trainees, this meticulously designed program will help you master advanced robotic techniques, seamlessly integrate robotics into your practice, and optimize surgical outcomes.

Seats are limited! Secure your place now in this exclusive learning experience and take your surgical expertise to the next level. We eagerly look forward to welcoming you!



**Dr. Lakshmi Kona**  
Organising Chairperson



**Dr. Ruchir Bhavsar**  
Organising Secretary

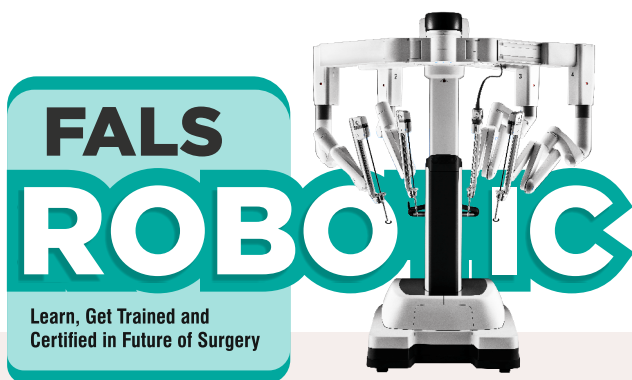


**Dr. Rishi Ranjan Shrivastava**  
Organising Secretary



**Dr. Ganni Bhaskar Rao**  
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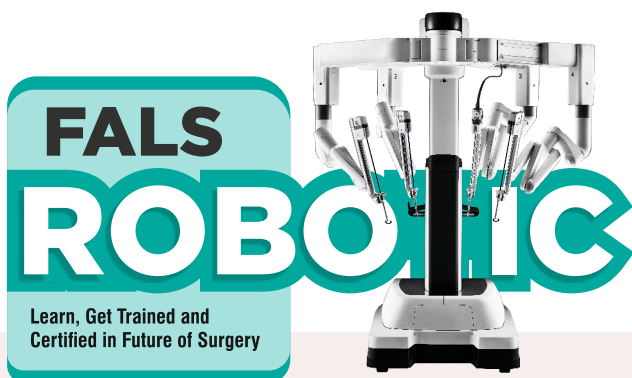


**Dr. Ganni Bhaskar Rao**  
Vice President Central Zone, IAGES



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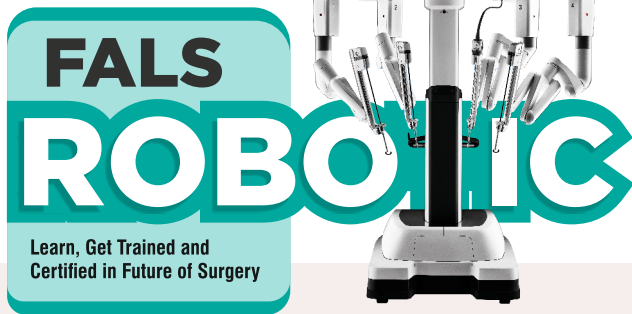
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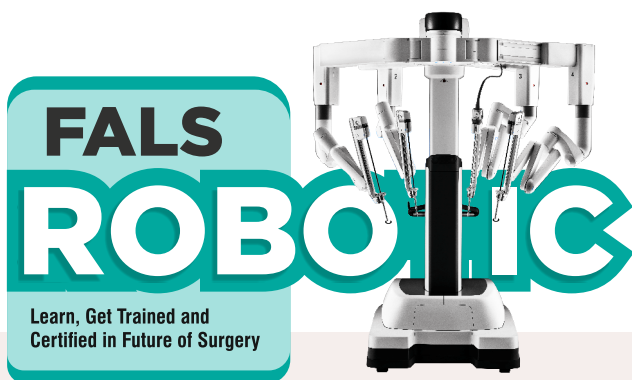
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This course is designed to train senior or advanced laparoscopic surgeons and to keep members up to date with recent advancements in advanced laparoscopic procedures. FALS courses are organized in various subspecialties such as Hernia, Bariatric Surgery, 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

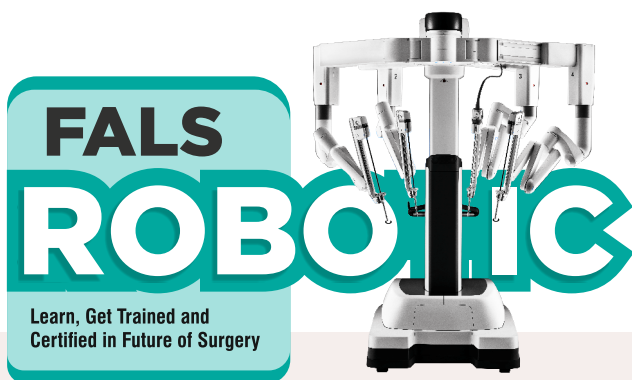
All surgeons with a minimum of 3 years of experience in the chosen specialty of laparoscopic surgery (this includes experience in laparoscopy as a postgraduate surgical resident). The applicant should have performed over 25 laparoscopic procedures in the chosen specialty either jointly or independently. 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:

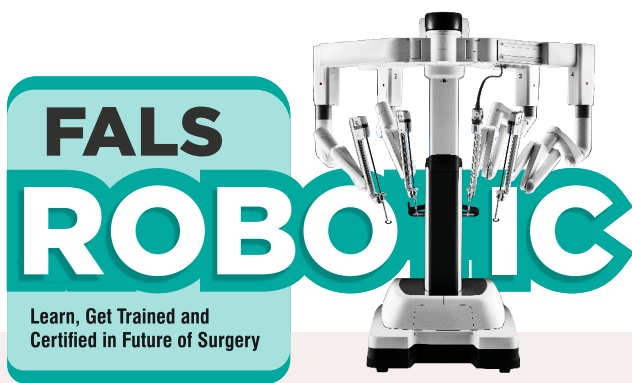
Interview/assessment for approximately 10 minutes for each candidate. The candidates are divided into batches and are interviewed by two or more of the senior-most faculty members of IAGES, depending on the number of candidates. A maximum of 50 marks is allotted for the interview.

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 ROBOTIC SURGERY COURSE MODULE

Introduction to Robotic Technology & Individual Systems

Essentials of Robotic Surgery

Upper GI Surgery - Benign & Malignant

Colorectal Surgery - Benign & Malignant

Speciality Discussion - Thoracic Surgery, Urosurgery & Gynecology

Finances in Robotics

Patient Counseling in Robotic Surgery

Starting a Robotic Surgery Program

Bariatric Surgery

HPB Surgery - Benign & Malignant

Hernia - AWR

Inauguration Ceremony

Panel Discussion: Robotic Complications & their Management

Virtual Live Workshop

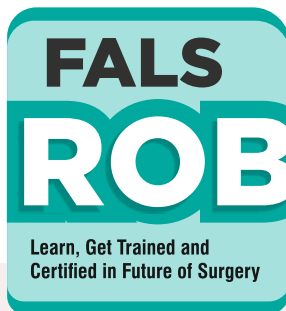
Evaluation of Participant video entries

MCQ Exam for Exam Category

Viva for Non-Exam Category & Exam Category

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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 :

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

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

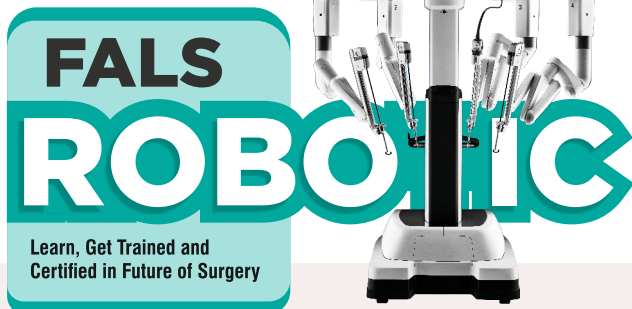
Are you trained in Robotic Surgery? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Do you practice Robotic Surgery? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Which Robotic System? ☐ Da Vinci Xi ☐ Da Vinci S ☐ Versius

Do you commonly operate on ☐ Da Vinci X ☐ Mantra ☐ Hugo

☐ Da Vinci Si



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## REGISTRATION DETAILS

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

All mentioned charges inclusive of GST

## PAYMENT DETAILS

Payment Type: ☐ By Cheque / DD ☐ By Cash ☐ By NEFT

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

Bank details for NEFT:

**Bank :** HDFC

**A/C No:** 05128640000079

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

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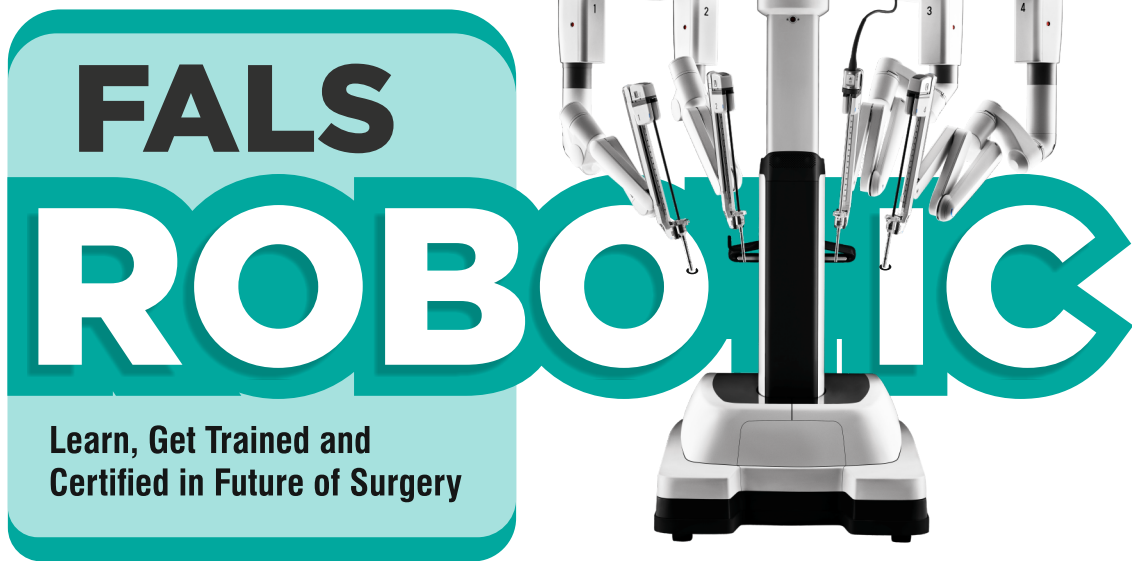
- PG Students / Fellows will have to submit a certificate from their Head of Department (HOD)
- Delegates cannot opt for the accompanied persons category. Reduced rates are meant to encourage spouse participation
- Registration is mandatory for the conference and all official proceedings
- Registration 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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