



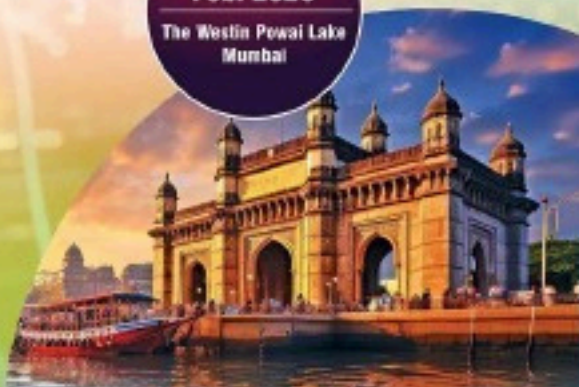
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23RD ANNUAL CONGRESS OF **IAGES** &
3RD BIENNIAL SPRING MEETING OF **ELSA**

2026

IAGES-ELSA



Online Module

January 1, 2026
onwards

EFIAGES

Onsite Module

February 12, 2026

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

EFIAGES has, over the years, become a benchmark course in basics of Endoscopic surgery, empowering young surgeons with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to begin or enhance their journey in this niche field. 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, EFIAGES 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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EFIAGES Guidelines

A candidate can apply in any ONE of the following categories:
Exam Fellowship / Non Exam Fellowship

Eligibility criteria:

- IAGES MEMBERSHIP IS A MUST.
- Those who are not members may apply for membership online. See the website www.iages.in for more details.
- Post graduate degree in surgery is mandatory.
- The number of years of experience in Endoscopic surgery should be a minimum of 2 years (including experience in Endoscopy as a postgraduate surgical resident).
- A resident or junior consultant should obtain a certificate of experience from the HOD of the hospital/Institution as a supportive document. Attach soft copies of the MBBS, MS, or DNB certificate and MCI/ State registration certificate during membership registration.
- 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.
- Candidates also have to register for the IAGES ELSA 2026 Congress, to be held in Mumbai from February 13 to 15, 2026 in order to attend Live Surgeries, Lectures and Convocation Ceremony.

(A)EFIAGES: NON-EXAMINATION CATEGORY:

- Suitable for those candidates working as faculty in teaching institutions and all surgeons with more than 10-year experience in doing Endoscopic Surgery including therapeutic interventions.
- Already an IAGES member or applied for IAGES membership
- Doing significant number of endoscopies in the last 10 years
- Would be eligible to receive the EFIAGES fellowship on satisfactory completion of the EFIAGES course and the informal interview.

(B) EFIAGES: EXAMINATION CATEGORY

- Suitable for those with a minimum of 2 years experience in Endoscopic surgery (Includes experience as a postgraduate surgical resident).
- Fellow should have experience certificate from HOD, Employer or self if running own hospital.
- Fellow should present an online Log Book. Total 25 cases including all Assisted/ Operated Endoscopic surgeries/ Upper GI/ Lower GI

Logbook (For Exam & Non Exam Fellowship delegates only)

- 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
- Remarks - Type the outcome of the event, if patient has been conservatively managed, Recovered, Diseased, Transferred, etc



EFIAGES Guidelines

Assessment of EFIAGES fellowship candidates will be conducted by IAGES Central Office.

Suggested Reading:

Any textbooks/ journals pertaining to Basic & Advanced Endoscopic 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.

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 EFIAGES 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.



EFIAGES Course Outline

1. Welcome address by President
2. Scope of Online EFIAGES course- Obstacles & Solutions
3. Endoscopy Hard ware
4. Endoscopy room setup & check lists
5. Endoscopy : when to do and when not to do Informed consent
6. Endoscopy step by step
7. Demonstration of upper GI endoscopy With simulators
8. Endoscopic atlas of Upper GI Pathology
9. Endoscopic recording/documentation /Reporting
10. Energy Sources for Flexible endoscopy
11. Role of Endoscopy in cases of dysphagia other than Malignancy
12. Role of Endoscopy in Upper GI bleeding
13. Role of Endoscopy in GERD and Achlasia
14. Role of Endoscopy in FB Upper GI tract
15. Therapeutic upper GI endoscopy and Role of Endoscopy in Upper GI malignancy
16. Recorded Cases of Upper GI endoscopy
17. Prevention and management of Complications of Upper GI Endoscopy
18. Colonoscopy Hard ware Indications Preparation
19. Colonoscopy step by step
20. Virtual Live Demonstration of Upper GI Endoscopy And Colonoscopy
21. Colonoscopic image atlas
22. Image enhancement endoscopy and colonoscopy
23. Recorded demonstration of colonoscopy
24. Guidelines and management in Therapeutic Colonoscopy
25. Role of EUS in today's diagnosis and management
26. Complications due to Colonoscopy
27. Advances in GI endoscopy
28. Role of Endoscopy in Obesity
29. ABC of ERCP
30. Role of Endoscopy in the era of laparoscopy
31. Recorded transmission of therapeutic endoscopic procedures



EFIAGES Registration Details

Course Registration*

Early Bird (Till September 30, 2025)		October 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025		January 1, 2026 to January 31, 2026	
Indian Surgeons	International Surgeons	Indian Surgeons	International Surgeons	Indian Surgeons	International Surgeons
INR 15,000 + 18% GST = INR 17,700	USD 200 + 18% GST = USD 236	INR 17,500 + 18% GST = INR 20,650	USD 250 + 18% GST = USD 295	INR 20000 + 18% GST = INR 23,600	USD 300 + 18% GST = USD 354

*For delegates who have already registered for the IAGES ELSA 2026 Congress and wish to add the EFIAGES course.

Combo Registration (Course + Congress)**

Early Bird (Till September 30, 2025)		October 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025		January 1, 2026 to January 31, 2026	
Indian Surgeons	International Surgeons	Indian Surgeons	International Surgeons	Indian Surgeons	International Surgeons
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	INR 30000 + 18% GST = INR 35,400	USD 450 + 18% GST = USD 531

**For delegates who wish to register for the IAGES ELSA 2026 Congress and the EFIAGES course.

**Complete Registration details & Eligibility criteria
are available on: www.iages2026.com**



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