The mixed up operations

Below are 14 sentences. These sentences belong to two different stories, 7 sentences from Story 1 and 7 from Story 2. Both stories are about hospitals.

Work in pairs. Read the instructions:

1. Read all the sentences.
2. Decide which sentences come from Story 1 and which come from Story 2.
3. Cut the sentences out and move them around to make two stories.
4. Check your answers with another pair.
5. Tell one story to your partner from memory.

Finally he had some X-rays taken.

The doctor examined him and said, ‘You have appendicitis.

He had a steel pin put in his leg and he couldn’t walk properly for almost two months.

John went to hospital the next day and met his surgeon.

Half an hour later Fred was in the operating theatre.

Later that day the surgeon removed John’s appendix and two days later he was allowed to go home.

Fred fell over at work and hurt his leg.

They waited quite a long time before a doctor could see them.

John went to the doctor because he had a pain in his right side.

‘This is a very straightforward operation,’ said the surgeon.

His boss took him to the Accident and Emergency department of the local hospital.

‘Lots of people have their appendixes removed and afterwards you’ll feel much better.’

‘You’ve broken your leg very badly’, a doctor told him, ‘so we’ll take you to the operating theatre.’

You’ll have to go to hospital and have your appendix removed.’