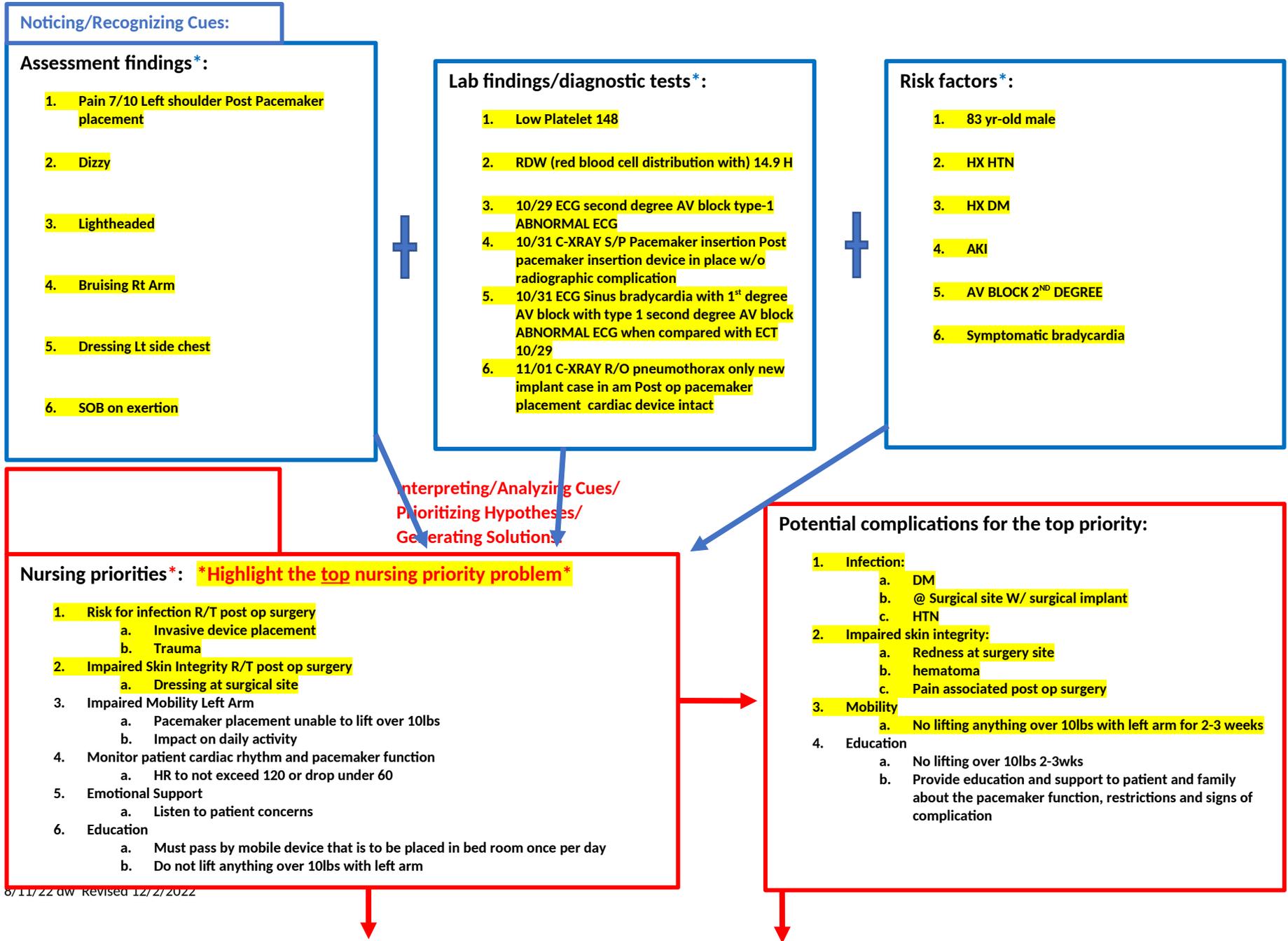


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Responding/Taking Actions:

Nursing interventions for the top priority:

- **Assess Cardiac monitoring**
 - Rational: Monitor ECG for changes in rate and rhythm to ensure pacemaker to be working properly.
- **Assess for pain**
 - Rational: If pain increases this could mean there is a problem with the pacemaker placement, lead dislodgement, or the start of infection.
- **Assess surgical site for infection**
 - Rational: Inspect site and area around surgical site for hematoma, redness, edema, warmth, drainage, or tenderness, this could indicate the presence of infection with a potential for skin breakdown.
- **Monitor vital signs every two hours if irregular and every 4 if regular**
 - Rational: To identify possible pacemaker malfunction. The pacemaker should ensure that the patient heart rate will not drop under 60.
- **Monitor pulses at distal site from pacemaker insertion**
 - Rational: Tissue edema could compress arterial flow resulting in absent or diminished pulse.
- **Limit movement in left arm to prevent injury**
 - Rational: This prevents accidental dislodgement of lead wires.
- **Administer Lovenox for DVT Prophylaxis**
 - Rational: To prevent DVT
- **Educate patient**
 - Rational: To ensure proper healing and optimal level of health

Reflecting/Evaluate Outcomes:

Evaluation of the top priority:

- **Vital Signs 97.3 degree Fahrenheit, pulse rate 83, BP 96/60**
- **Patient surgical dressing intact skin around cool and absent from hematuria, redness**
- **Continue Plan of Care**