amplitude of peripheral pulses; color; presence of dyspnea, adventitious lung sounds; ECG rhythm analysis; oxygen saturation levels

Nursing Diagnoses and Interventions
The effect of the dysrhythmia on cardiac output is the priority of nursing care. Other potential nursing diagnoses related to dysrhythmias may include Ineffective tissue perfusion, Activity intolerance, and Fear or Anxiety.

Decreased Cardiac Output
Dysrhythmias can affect cardiac output. Bradycardias decrease cardiac output if the stroke volume does not increase to compensate for the slow heart rate. Tachycardia reduces diastolic