What’s the difference between PALLIATIVE & TERMINAL SEDATION?

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<td>Only applied if necessary to alleviate suffering, which is rare.</td>
<td>Applied even if unconsciousness is not needed to alleviate suffering.</td>
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<td>Purpose: To relieve suffering.</td>
<td>Purpose: To end life.</td>
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<td>Death is caused by the disease or injury</td>
<td>Death is usually caused by dehydration or starvation.</td>
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<td>The level of consciousness may vary, with focus on allowing as much awareness as possible.</td>
<td>The patient is rendered unconscious.</td>
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Why is it important to know the difference? Because confusion causes death!